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All violence 'must be finished'

Blair sets out peace rules for Sinn Fein

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

TONY BLAIR set four new tests of Sinn Fein's commitment to non-violence last night as he battled to secure a Unionist majority in next Friday's referendum on the peace accord.

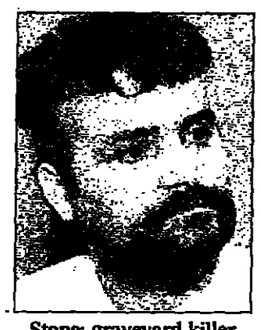
Making his second visit to Belfast in a week, the Prime Minister further promised to write the tests into the legislation to implement the agreement.

As Mr Blair sought to reassure Unionists concerned about concessions to terrorists, the Government released one of the most infamous loyalist killers from the top-security Maze prison on a four-day parole.

Michael Stone, who mounted the 1988 gun-and-grenade attack on the funerals of the IRA's Gibraltar unit in Milltown cemetery, exercised the right to home leave given to prisoners after they have served ten years so he could attend a loyalist rally in support of the accord at Belfast's Ulster Hall last night.

The Ulster Democratic Party, which was sponsoring the rally, was uneasy about Stone's appearance after the criticism of the triumphalism of the Balcombe Street Gang's appearance at Sinn Fein's conference last Sunday.

Stone was given a muted ovation as he entered the packed hall. Officials barred him from the stage. After some discussion he was allowed to sit on a seat behind the stage in full view of the audience.



Stone: graveyard killer released on parole

Mr Blair's four tests were:

☐ Sinn Fein and other parties with paramilitary connections would have to give a clear and unequivocal commitment that there is an end to violence for good and that "the so-called war is finished, done with and gone".

☐ The ceasefire would have to be absolute. That would mean "an end to bombings, killings and beatings, claimed or unclaimed; an end to targeting and the procurement of weapons; progressive abandonment and dismantlement of paramilitary structures actively directing and promoting violence".

☐ There would have to be full co-operation with the international disarmament commission; and

☐ Other paramilitary groupings could not be deliberately used as proxies for violence.

Sinn Fein reacted cautiously last night saying it would study Mr Blair's speech. It had decided to support the agreement last Sunday in good faith and "we expect that good faith to be returned".

The Prime Minister said that if IRA prisoners were to be released and Sinn Fein leaders were to sit in Northern Ireland's new assembly people had to know that party had given up violence for good. "Those who have used the twin tactics of ballot box and the gun must make a clear choice. There can be no fudge between democracy and terror."

Mr Blair's announcement was hailed by David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader who had been facing mass defections to the "No" camp. "Plain and direct legislation linking prisoner releases to a permanent end to violence and decommissioning has been confirmed by the Prime Minister. Reassurances are given, commitments are made, concerns are addressed," he said.

In Dublin, Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, reinforced Mr Blair's message, saying "we have always made it clear that decommissioning was an issue that had to be dealt with — if not on the way to an agreement then as part of a settlement and its subsequent implementation.

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ACHMAD IBRAHIM / AP



A man shot by police is through during the riots in the Indonesian capital. Darkness brought more looting, especially in Chinese areas

Jakarta in chaos as mobs run riot

FROM DAVID WATTS IN JAKARTA

JAKARTA was a city living on its nerves last night with at least three areas burning after a day of rioting.

The city centre is a ghost town after banks, shops and offices closed early to allow workers to make their way home in safety.

Expatriate schools were closed and Britons were joining hundreds of others in trying to get out of the country.

As darkness fell, a feeling of unreality prevailed as the country awaited the return of President Suharto after he cut short a visit to Cairo where he was attending the Group of 15 summit meeting. He will return to a capital which is virtually out of control.

The army commander, General Wiranto, told a press conference last night that he thought the situation was under control. He said he had no intention of imposing a curfew but that appeared to be a recognition that the security forces were in no position to enforce one.

There seemed to be no one in charge. The only statements of substance have been those from Mr Suharto himself; a muted appeal for calm which has once again been ignored, and a commitment to step down from office if he is no longer wanted by the people.

Few give that statement any credibility, and most believe it would be so hedged around with qualifications as to be worthless. This is a society which wants quick answers from a leader who thinks in terms of years rather than weeks or months for reform of politics, and the reversal of huge price increases.

Overnight the President said that he was willing to become a *pandito* or sage guiding from the back, closer to God. This has given rise to speculation that he may fly to Saudi Arabia from Cairo to meet an Indonesian seer who has advised him in the past.

Amin Rais, a prominent Muslim leader, who has become courageously vocal throughout the crisis, has dismissed President Suharto's offer saying that he would only believe it if he heard it repeated on Indonesian soil when the President returned.

Darkness brought looting, especially in the largely Chinese areas, which seemed set to go on into the night. Everything from bakeries to banks has been wrecked and the security forces seem unable or unwilling to stop it. Police opened fire in the city centre, near the University of Indonesia. Twenty casualties among protesters were reported last night, and the army claimed that it had lost three of its number.

It is clear that the deaths at Trisakti University mark a turning point, a political barrier has been crossed and the regime has a smell of defeat about it. Yet the President seems happy to watch this macabre contest to see who comes out on his side in the army leadership.

"I think he is playing one of his old power games," said one observer. There were no official Government pronouncements during the day and opposition figures have spoken only as individuals, so successful has the President been in creating an apolitical society in which he has the only real power.

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Britain calls back envoy from India

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

BRITAIN will tonight seek agreement of world leaders for measures against India designed to bring home the scale of international dismay over nuclear tests.

In a first step Britain's High Commissioner in Delhi, Sir David Gore-Booth, was recalled to London to demonstrate the Government's concern. And it emerged that although Britain will not unilaterally impose sanctions it could sign up to a package of internationally agreed measures against India.

The issue has now shot to the top of the agenda of the G8 summit of the world's leading industrial powers which opens today in Birmingham under the chairmanship of Tony Blair.

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Foreign Office chief does U-turn evidence to MPs

BY NICHOLAS WATT, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S most senior diplomat was forced into an embarrassing U-turn yesterday when he admitted giving misleading information to a Commons committee about the arms-to-Sierra Leone scandal.

Hours after an uncomfortable performance before the Foreign Affairs Committee, Sir John Kerr rushed out a statement saying he had been wrong to suggest that Tony Lloyd, the Foreign Office Minister, had been briefed in March about a customs investigation.

His initial admission was hugely embarrassing for the Government because Michael Howard, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, accused the Permanent Secretary of "directly contradicting" Robin Cook. Mr Howard demanded an immediate Commons statement to clarify the government position; last week Mr Cook criticised officials for failing to tell Mr Lloyd of the investigation before a Commons debate.

After an emergency meeting with Mr Cook and Mr Lloyd, Sir John attempted to quell the furore by unreservedly withdrawing his remarks. In a letter to Donald Anderson, the committee's Labour chairman, sent out four hours after leaving the committee, Sir John said: "I have checked my memory of the briefing pack prepared for Mr Lloyd's use in the debate on March 12. It mentions reports about a possible deal by President Kabbah for Sandline's services. But it does not mention arms shipments; and, as I thought, it does not say that one such report had been already been passed to Customs and Excise."

Mr Howard last night wrote to Mr Cook demanding a fresh Commons statement. He said: "I don't expect there can ever have been a day of such chaos and confusion in the Foreign Office."

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrats Foreign Affairs spokesman, said: "These events are now taking on an Alice in Wonderland dimension ... The sooner the independent inquiry gets underway the better."

The Foreign office insisted last night that Sir John had not been embarrassed, saying he had told the committee he would check the papers. "He came back, looked at the document, found that the customs investigation was not on the document and acted immediately."

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Cambridge leads as top university

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE lengthens its lead at the top of *The Times* university league table today, as for the first time a former polytechnic finishes ahead of a number of traditional universities. Oxford University just holds off Imperial College London to finish second.

Sir Alec Broers, Cambridge's vice-chancellor, said the result was a welcome confirmation of the university's excellence. "Comparisons such as this are a good indicator of quality which keep people on their toes."

Oxford Brookes University, a polytechnic until 1992, beats four older rivals to finish in 51st place. Professor Peter Fidler, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, said: "We want to be a top quality British university."

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George Michael must work at gay centre

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN BEVERLEY HILLS

THREE palm-lined blocks from where he was arrested in a public lavatory, George Michael was sentenced yesterday to 80 hours of community service, which he is likely to perform at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Centre.

The sentence for lewd conduct was harsher than most defendants receive and was intended "to send a message", a prosecuting lawyer said afterwards. Michael, who was not in court, must pay fines of $910 (£560), but at a brief hearing in Beverly Hills Municipal Court, Judge Charles Rubin insisted that he perform community service as well, even though it is usually offered as an alternative.

"I think the 80 hours is important so that people know this kind of thing is taken seriously," Judge Rubin said. Michael was arrested alone, but with his buttocks exposed, in a public lavatory in Beverly Hills.

The sentence also included five hours of sexual counselling with a psychotherapist, which the prosecution confirmed he has already received, and two years' informal probation, during which he will be barred from the Will Rogers Memorial Park, the scene of his arrest.

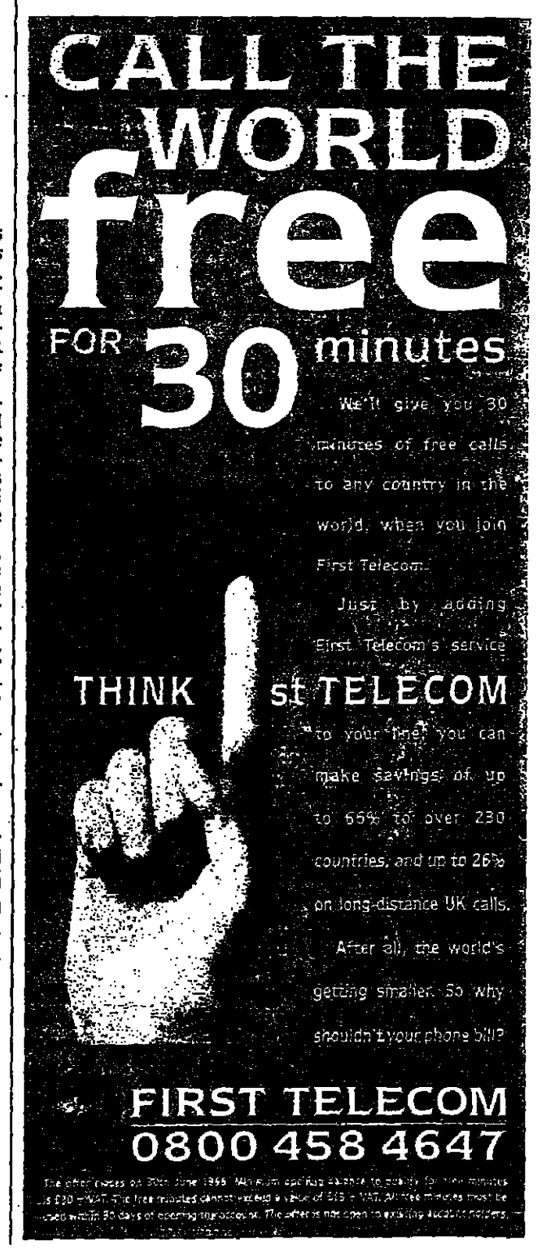
Ira Reiner, Mr Michael's lawyer, whose fees are thought to exceed $400 an hour, said in an earlier interview with *The Times* that, despite the impression given by cases such as O. J. Simpson's justice in Los Angeles does not depend on what the client can afford.

Michael's fate appears to bear his lawyer out. Defendants in misdemeanour lewd conduct cases usually receive the choice of a fine or community service. Kathy Solorzano, the prosecuting attorney, said. "This is the highest fine I have seen so far. Mr Michael has always wanted to admit his culpability and we didn't want to treat him more harshly than anyone else, but I think it's legitimate for the judge to send a message, especially since this defendant could pay pretty much any fine."

Michael was thought to be in London yesterday, but must perform his community service in Los Angeles by November this year. Los Angeles courts grant wide latitude in how community service is performed, but the apparent choice of the Gay & Lesbian Centre was suggested by the District Attorney's office.



Michael: his sentence included counselling



Treaty urgently needed to curb fissile sting of Kaufman

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

On Monday Robin Cook's song was that of the innocent bystander in Africa: not me, guv. On Thursday he was the British bobbie-on-the-beat in the Sub-Continent, cuffing India's ear.

Mr Cook performs with aplomb. What we and the world were not going to do about nuclear testing was nobody's business. But the jewel in our crown, apparently, was our hopes of coaxing India into a "Fissile Materials Cut-off Treaty". This cannot come too soon, for the fissile material sizzling most menacingly on this side of the Indian Ocean sat two benches behind Mr Cook as he spoke.

Whatever definition you offer for the term "fissile", Gerald Kaufman (Lab, Manchester Gorton) must be regarded material in urgent need of a cut-off treaty.

In your sketchwriter's experience Mr Kaufman is often brave, always clever and usually right. But he seems gripped at all times by such violent certainties on every subject, and expresses these certainties in such bellicose language, that a Kaufman intervention on any matter tends to leave the rest of the Commons looking impossibly feeble by comparison. They say Kaufman could start a fight in an empty room.

Earlier this year Mr Kaufman took against the management of the Royal Opera. It may never recover. From time to time he loses patience with the BBC. The corporation quakes. More recently he blasted the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Nobody will ever see the Board in the same way again. And our fissile former Labour Spokesman on Foreign Affairs recently decided not only to take issue with, but tear personally to shreds, the Prime Minister of Israel, Binyamin Netanyahu.

Yesterday Kaufman went nuclear on the Indian question. It was, for him, a relatively low-level strike. No Indian politician was personally singled out as the embodiment of human wickedness, nor the vocabulary of the sewer (a favourite with Kaufman) employed to describe the Indian Government. The MP restricted himself to describing the Sub-Continent as a flashpoint where Britain could not "stand by": calling for *economic sanctions* against India, which Britain must join; and identifying "the cancer of Kashmir" as the root of the problem.

For this assault Mr Kaufman wore a white suit, a pink shirt and an orange tie. His speech, which was supposed to be a question, was nearly as long as the Foreign Secretary's Statement.

Replying, poor Robin Cook sounded like a lacklustre Opposition spokesman replying to a Bismarckian Foreign Secretary. Shortly afterwards, Kaufman left the Chamber: a mercy in the circumstances or the Government of India might today be in ruins.

Other Labour MPs were left to question their other Foreign Secretary. Among them, Marsha Singh and Piara Khabra provided what was, for this sketch, a novel Sub-Continental vignette. Mr Singh (Bradford W) represents Asian constituents the great majority of whom are Muslims, originally from Pakistan. Singh called on Cook to cut off British humanitarian aid to India.

Mr Khabra represents, in Ealing Southall, a community in which the Hindu component is strong. Khabra urged patience and understanding for India's fears.

Mr Khabra spoke for rather too long. As he began taking the House on a tour of his native Punjab, Madam Speaker deftly removed her right shoe. I thought she was going to throw it at him. But it was only the heat.

Drug can halve death rate from breast cancer

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE death rate from breast cancer among women most at risk from the disease can be halved, saving 20,000 lives a year, researchers have discovered.

A £1 million study, the largest undertaken into a cancer treatment drug, has found conclusively that giving tamoxifen to women immediately after surgery to remove a tumour doubles the chance that they will not suffer a recurrence of the disease. Currently up to half the patients are likely to develop further tumours, with most eventually dying from the disease.

Tamoxifen, developed in Britain 30 years ago, is already the most successful drug in the world for the treatment of breast cancer. The research, published today in *The Lancet*, shows that it could be twice as effective if doctors were to prescribe it as a matter of course immediately after any surgery to remove a tumour.

The drug, which costs £40 a year, or £200 for a recommended five-year course, has until now normally not been given to younger women or those who have received chemotherapy. The new evidence says these groups would benefit enormously from the drug.

It shows that within ten years of surgery to remove a cancer, 42 per cent of women who have not been given tamoxifen have a recurrence of the disease. Among those who have been prescribed the drug the figure drops to 26 per cent.

Tamoxifen was previously not normally given to women under 50 because doctors did not think it could help premenopausal women. It works by seeking out otherwise undetectable small cancerous areas left after an operation and stops the body's hormones from sustaining them.

Richard Peto, the Oxford epidemiologist who co-ordinated the research, said that if doctors worldwide act on the findings there will be enough women saved from death within five years to fill Wembley Stadium to overflowing. The research, based on 55 trials in 15 countries over the last two decades, involved 37,000 women. "I have been working at cancer research for 30 years and this is the best result I have ever been involved with," Professor Peto said.

"Starting tamoxifen immediately after breast cancer surgery prevented one in six women from relapsing and one in twelve from dying, irrespective of age. Tamoxifen for older women is already saving more lives than any other cancer drug, but most of the young breast cancer patients who need tamoxifen aren't yet getting it."

Tamoxifen works by blocking the effect of the female hormone oestrogen, which in some women can make their breast cells go out of control. For this reason it is only known to be effective against "hormone-sensitive" breast cancer — which makes up around two thirds of all cases.

The research has nothing to do with trials to find out if the drug can prevent the disease occurring among women who are at high risk of developing it. As reported in *The Times last month*, an American study into this has been halted because researchers there say that it is so effective that all women in the high-risk category should be given it. British researchers, however, dispute the American data and are continuing with trials to discover if tamoxifen can prevent the disease.

Side-effects of the drug mean that two women more per 1,000 will die of cancer of the womb lining and one woman per 1,000 will die from a blood clot in the lungs. Overall, however, the effect on death rates means that tamoxifen in women taking it for five years does 30 times more good than it does harm.

The research was co-ordinated by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's clinical trial service unit at Oxford.

In Britain there are about 30,000 diagnosed cases of breast cancer a year. Of these one in five women is under 50, two in five are in their 50sand 60s and the remaining two are over 70.

Although most of those over 50 in Britain are given the drug, saving around 1,000 lives a year, Professor Peto estimates that at least 2,000 would survive if every patient was prescribed the drug. Worldwide, the figure was 20,000, he said.

Christina Davies, a research fellow with the unit, said that fear of the rare side-effects was a major reason why doctors did not prescribe the drug, although in poorer countries the cost might be a factor, especially as the recommendation was to take it for five years instead of two.

RICHARD POHLE



Professor Peto, who said tamoxifen should be given to women after cancer surgery

EXPERTS ATTACK VITAMIN B6 CURB

Three American experts yesterday attacked the British Government's decision to restrict the availability of vitamin B6 on safety grounds. They said it was based on poor science and neglected years of experience with the vitamin, which had proved it was safe. A report from the US National Academy of Sciences, published last month, sets safe levels ten times higher than those proposed by Jeff Rooker, the Food Safety Minister.

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Major aide to advise in lottery libel fight

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GUY SNOWDEN, the disgraced former head of the National Lottery operator, has hired one of John Major's closest advisers to masterminds his public relations fightback against Richard Branson.

Howell James, who was Mr Major's political secretary, has been employed to advise Mr Snowden who is appealing against his High Court libel defeat against Mr Branson.

Mr James was a key backroom figure in the Major administration. He also wrote the jokes in Mr Major's speeches. He has set up Brown Lloyd James, a public relations company, with Sir Nicholas Lloyd, former Editor of the *Daily Express*.

The firm has been enlisted by Mr Snowden as he fights to reverse the High Court verdict that he tried to buy off Mr Branson in an attempt to stop him entering the contest to become lottery operator.

No expense is being spared by Mr Snowden, *who resigned as chairman of* G-Tech after being ordered to pay £75,000 damages to the head of the Virgin group.

Mr Snowden's solicitors declined to confirm or deny a report that G-Tech hired Investigative Group Inc, one of the biggest private investigative companies in the United States, to look into Mr Branson's business affairs before the High Court case. The company is headed by Terry Lenzner, who was a Watergate prosecutor. Mr Branson plans to raise the *matter with Chris Smith, the* Culture Secretary.

The hiring of Mr James to spearhead Mr Snowden's public rehabilitation ahead of the appeal, which is expected later this year, caused surprise in political circles. Mr James has in-depth knowledge of the lottery. He was an adviser to Lord Young of Graffham, who was going to chair the *charitable foundation* that would have received all monies from the lottery had Mr Branson run it.

Mr Branson, *speaking* from Los Angeles, said he was astonished by the appointment of Mr James. "People have to ask themselves the question as to why an American businessman, who supposedly has no connection with the UK lottery, *is supposedly hiring* this menagerie of spin-doctors and sleuths. In the case of Howell James and Nick Lloyd, I am particularly disappointed because I know them and thought of them as friends."

The entrepreneur has long suspected that he was the the target of private investigators. During a visit to South Africa he received a package by mistake in his Johannesburg hotel. It contained a series of reports about his *visit from Neil Perkins*, Camelot's treasurer, and was addressed to a financial analyst working for the lottery company who was staying in the same hotel.

Mr Branson said: "I was followed around in South Africa, receiving packages of information on my every move. The fact such things could still be going on would be disturbing if it was not farcial. I am writing to Chris Smith to establish whether any lottery money was involved if there was a detective agency investigation."

Shortly after the libel case, Camelot severed its links with G-Tech through a £51 million buyout of its shareholding. Mr Snowden was paid off by G-Tech, which supplies the technology for the lottery. He is now setting up a fund to invest in British and American high-tech companies. The fund will be privately run.



Snowden: to appeal



Branson: astonished

Ministers back 'package deal' to improve workplace rights

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Cabinet endorsed reforms yesterday to give employees greater rights in the workplace. Ministers backed measures to grant union recognition rights if 40 per cent of the workforce vote in favour, and to allow sacked employees to claim unfair dismissal after 12 months' service rather than two years.

Tony Blair appeared to have averted a damaging backlash from trade union leaders by ensuring that the White Paper *Fairness at Work* includes a number of "sweeteners" for the unions. The Prime Minister has put forward a carefully balanced package which he hopes both unions and employers can accept.

The 40 per cent threshold, to which the TUC has been implacably opposed, will be subject to review. Unions have won their case for a small-firms exemption to be set at 25 workers. In addition, unions will not have to show that a substantial proportion of the workforce are already members before a vote takes place. Unions and employers will be able to go to a third independent party if they fail to agree on the "relevant bargaining unit," for a ballot.

John Monks, the TUC general secretary said that unionists would be concerned with the 40 per cent threshold figure, but he argued that the proposals to be published next Thursday, would include "many real advances" for people at work.

On Monday the 100-strong trade union group of MPs opposed the 40 per cent threshold, although last night there were signs that many backbenchers would take their cue from the TUC. Some Labour MPs still claimed that the proposals did not go far enough and threatened to rebel when the Bill is introduced in the Commons in the next session. Harry Cohen, MP for Leyton and Wanstead Harry Cohen, who is a member of the public service union Unison, said: "I think that is insufficient and that it will lead to a rebellion."

John Prescott, the deputy prime minister, is said to have warned Tony Blair earlier this week against imposing a figure to which the TUC was still adamantly opposed and asked for further time for consultation. Other ministers such as David Blunkett and Frank Dobson have in the past privately voiced concern about Mr Blair's determination to go ahead with a high threshold. But yesterday the full Cabinet rallied behind Mr Blair and endorsed the proposals which were outlined by Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade.

Mr Blair is now seeing individual trade union leaders to inform them in detail about the plans.

Muggy weather brings smog alert

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE first smog alerts of the summer were issued yesterday by the Government as hot, sunny weather forecast for most of the country over the weekend.

High levels of ground level ozone, so called photochemical smog, were forecast for today in London and southern England.

Sulphur dioxide pollution from power stations and exhaust fumes was also expected to be high in the North of England. The pollution may be also accompanied by high levels of particulates in the atmosphere that have been with heart problems.

Weathermen said the weekend should see lower temperatures than during the last few days in most places with Scotland and most of England seeing temperatures in the low 20s. The east coast should see *temperatures in the* "low teens".

The weekend weather will also be accompanied by a light easterly breeze.A spokesman for the London Weather Centre said this would aggrevate pollution levels bringing in industrial pollution from the Continent.

Yesterday Southampton was the hottest place at 27.1C followed by Gatwick and Aviemore at 25C. Thunderstorms hit many parts.

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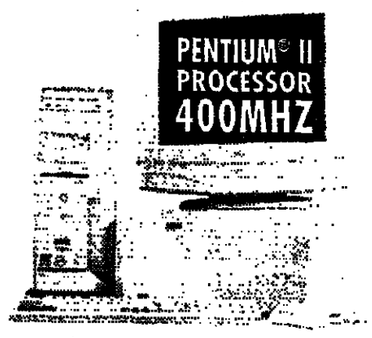
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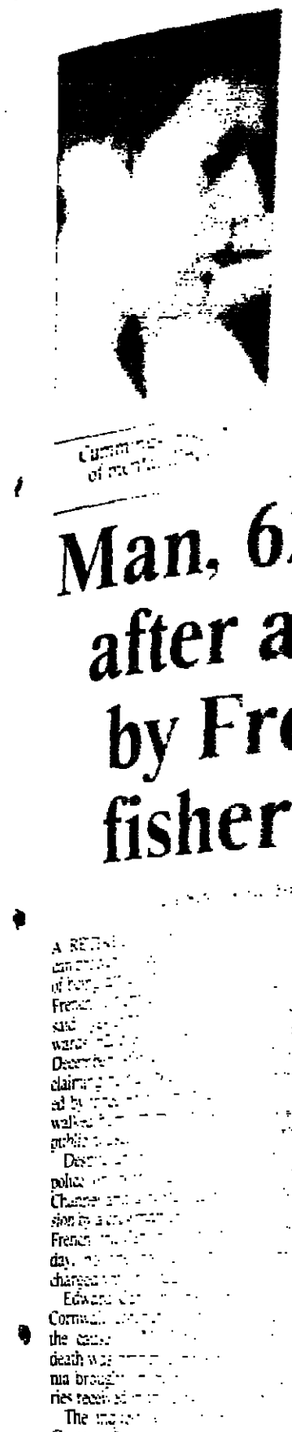
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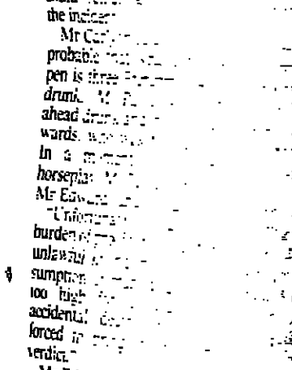
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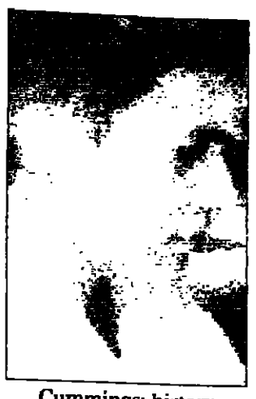
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Fiancee admits sex killing of bishop's son



Cummings: history of mental illness

A WOMAN has admitted manslaughter after stabbing a bishop's son in the heart during a sado-masochistic sex game that went wrong.

Peter Lewis, son of the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Right Rev Richard Lewis, died after paramedics called to his flat in Taunton, Somerset on his 27th birthday found him bleeding to death wearing nothing but handcuffs and his underwear.

His fiancée, Justine Cummings, was remanded to a secure hospital for psychiatric and medical reports after Judge William Taylor at Plymouth Crown Court described it as "one of the most tragic cases ever to come before a criminal court".

She will be examined at Broadmoor after Anne Rafferty, QC, for the defence, asked for her to be treated under the Mental Health Act. The bishop, 54, a former Archdeacon of Ludlow and his wife Sara were not in court.

Last night he issued a statement saying: "The events which took place in court yesterday in relation to Justine Cummings have virtually brought the legal proceedings to a close. The whole episode has been tragic for all concerned and it is hoped that the provisions made by the court can lead to some healings. I do not wish to comment further and hope it can now be laid to rest."

Cummings, a drifter with a history of mental illness, was said to be fascinated by sado-masochism. Her nose, ears and eyebrow were pierced and her arms, legs and neck bore the signs of frequent self-mutilation. A caretaker's daughter from east London, she was drawn to the alternative New Age culture.

After separating from her former boyfriend, she moved into the £50 a week bed and breakfast hostel in Taunton where Mr Lewis lived after moving out of the £500,000 Georgian house his father occupied while Bishop Suffragan in the town from 1992-97.

Although his early years had been full of promise and he had gained a political degree at Hull University, Mr Lewis later lost interest in a traditional career and took a job as a care assistant. After he started to date Cummings he dyed his hair scarlet, blue and blond and began wearing leather clothes and facial jewellery. Friends also said he came to share his lover's interest in New Age mysticism and magic, keeping black candlesticks and a sacrificial-style dagger in their bedsit, and they noticed scars on his arms.

The couple moved into a flat together and three weeks before Lewis's death announced their engagement. Shortly after midnight on October 29, ambulance crews called to the flat found him bleeding to death in Cummings's arms. Neighbours said he had been handcuffed to the bed and had to be cut free with bolt-cutters before being taken to hospital.

Cummings told police she had stabbed him during a sex game. Although doctors tried to stem the bleeding from a fatal wound to a main artery Lewis was pronounced dead at hospital an hour later. Cummings was questioned and charged with murder but prosecutors on Wednesday accepted her admission of manslaughter.

Adjourning the case for sentence, Judge Taylor said on Wednesday there was nothing to suggest she had wished him dead. No date was set for sentencing.



Lewis: found in handcuffs

Boyfriend stabbed in sado-masochistic game, reports **Stephen Farrell**

Man, 62, died after attack by French fishermen

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A RETIRED Cornish publican probably died as the result of being attacked by drunken French fishermen, a coroner said yesterday. Tony Edwards, 62, died in hospital in December 1996 a month after claiming he had been assaulted by three Frenchmen as he walked home from a Newlyn public house.

Despite an investigation by police on both sides of the Channel and a partial admission by a crewman on the only French trawler in port that day, no one has ever been charged with his death.

Edward Carlyon, the West Cornwall coroner, said that the cause of Mr Edwards's death was bronchial pneumonia brought on by head injuries received in the attack.

The inquest was told that Gaetan Paille, one of the French crewmen, confessed in an interview with French police that he might have hit Mr Edwards but claimed he could remember nothing of the incident.

Mr Carlyon said: "It is very probable that what did happen is three Frenchmen were drunk. M Paille went on ahead drunk and met Mr Edwards, who was also drunk. In a moment of drunken horseplay M Paille accosted Mr Edwards and overdid it.

"Unfortunately I lack the burden of proof for a verdict of unlawful killing but the presumption of manslaughter is too high for a verdict of accidental death, so I am forced to bring in an open verdict."

Mr Edwards suffered facial injuries when he was beaten as he walked the short distance home from the Tolcarne Inn. He described the attack to friends before collapsing two days later. The post-mortem examination revealed brain injuries likely to have been sustained in a fall in which he banged the back of his head.

Connie Kettless, a barmaid at the pub who had known Mr Edwards for 20 years, said he told her: "I was beaten up by three Frenchmen. I was just walking along when I heard someone behind me, then I was grabbed. They put one arm behind my back and laid into me. I don't why they did it."

The inquest at Helston also heard from Eric Lecomte, who was staying at a pub opposite the scene of the attack. Mr Lecomte said he heard raised male voices outside speaking in French. One phrase he heard meant: "Did you have to hit that hard?"

The inquest was told that the only French boat in harbour that day, the 65ft trawler *Martolod Breiz*, left early the next morning. Subsequently one of the crew committed suicide, by throwing himself overboard nine miles from Land's End.

Detective Inspector Howard Stevens said detectives who travelled to Brittany hoping to question the crew were made to present a list of questions to a French examining magistrate, who had French police carry out the interrogation.

The inquest heard a translation of the crew's statements in which two of them said they had found M Paille standing over an old man who had coagulated blood on his head.

In his interview M Paille said: "I could have punched the man but I assure you I do not remember."

After the verdict, Mr Edwards's daughter, Melanie Mitchell, 39, said she would be bringing a private prosecution against M Paille.

Children killed with mother in house fire

BY PAUL WILKINSON

AN expectant mother, her two young children and a teenage girl died in an arson attack as they slept yesterday.

Lisa Dodgson, 25, who was four months' pregnant and her daughters Amy, 2, and Rosie, six months, are understood to have been overcome by smoke in their terraced council home. Investigators suspect a flammable liquid was poured through the letterbox.

Emma Cater, 16, lived on the estate with her parents. She was rescued unconscious but died 12 hours later.

Detective Superintendent Derek Storey said: "It beggars belief that someone could target such young children and their mother. So far we have no motive for such a vicious act.

"We need as much help as possible to find who did this. We will be looking into Lisa's lifestyle during the course of the investigation and talking to relatives and friends and people who knew her."

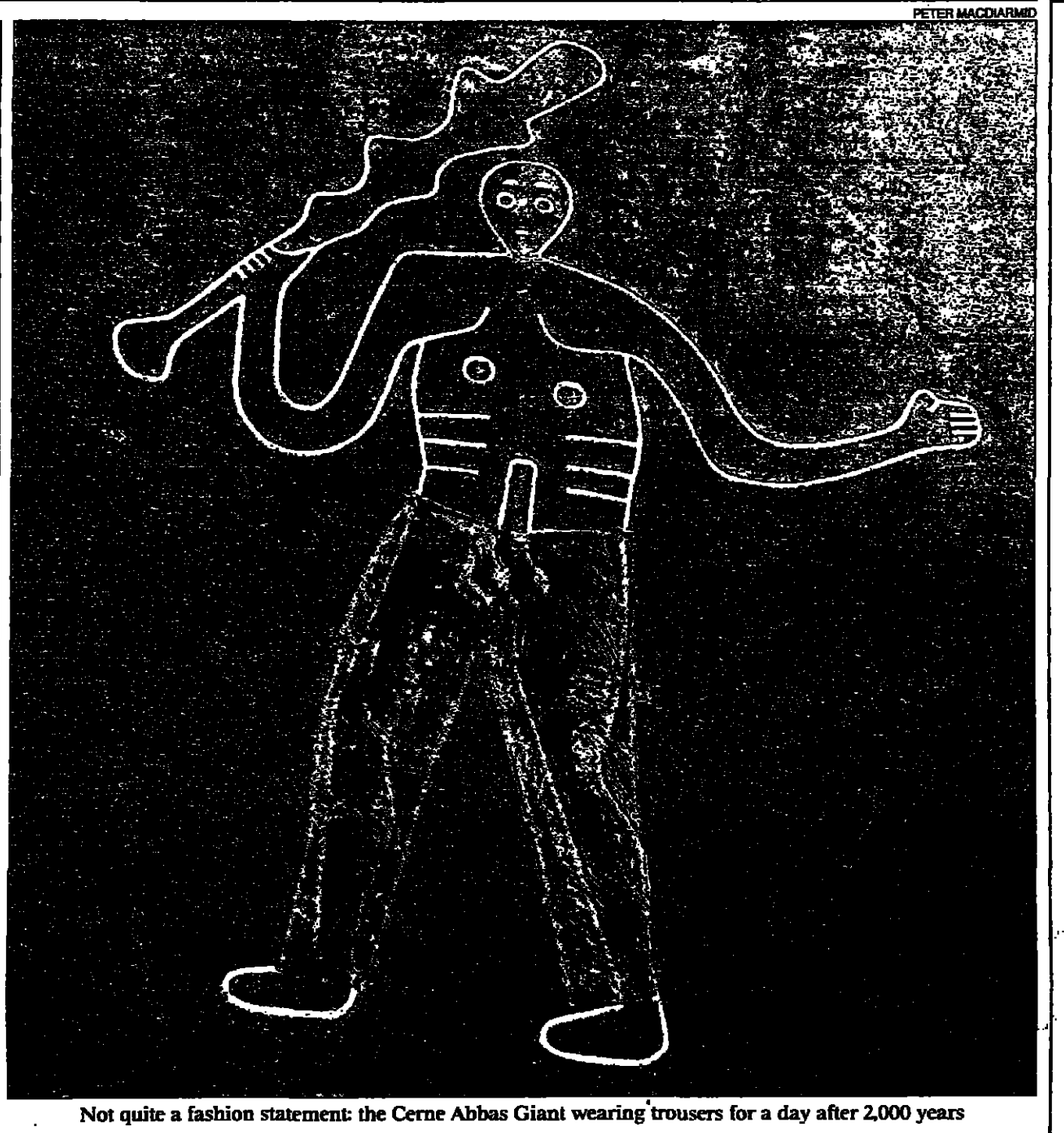
The father of Miss Dodgson's children, who did not live with them, has been told of the tragedy. The flames engulfed the hall and staircase of the house in the Denton Burn area of Newcastle upon Tyne, at 5.11am yesterday. All the victims were found in the same upstairs bedroom of the house.

Brendan O'Kane, a senior Tyneside fire officer, said: "We are investigating the cause of the fire and we are treating it as suspicious. It is heartbreaking for emergency crews when they try so hard to save people without success.

"They managed to get through the flames on the stairs and administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation but there was little anyone could do."

Northumbria Police said they were treating the deaths as murder. A team of 50 officers is working from a 24-hour incident room.

PETER MACDIARMID



Not quite a fashion statement: the Cerne Abbas Giant wearing trousers for a day after 2,000 years

Designer fashion for a jolly giant

THERE are some men who are just not made for fashion. Even a specially made pair of expensive American jeans still leaves them looking rather, well, primitive.

The Cerne Abbas Giant in Dorset managed to keep defying convention yesterday despite being fitted with a £40,000 pair of blue jeans — inside leg 69ft, waist size 42ft. Britain's most most famous nude, a 2,000-year-old fertility symbol carved on a hillside, had been dressed during the night in a stunt that annoyed the National Trust but amused some local residents. The trousers were the idea of the pranksters Jeff Boardman and Ben Jones, and were made in Skelmersdale, Lancashire, out of plastic mesh by Big Smith Jeans, who are launching in Britain next month.

Mr Boardman, 29, from Romford, Essex, said: "It took nine of us to put the jeans on. We started at 1.30am. We took great care. We hope it will make people smile."

Bob Stenhouse, the chairman of Cerne Abbas parish council, said: "They should have asked the National Trust's permission, but the deed is done now. It is only a bit of fun and most people who see the giant without trousers on laugh anyway."

The National Trust said that it would seek a fee of about £5,000 for the access gained to the fenced-off site. A spokeswoman, Celia Mead, said: "We conserve the figure for public enjoyment. No one will respect this company for doing something like this to a national monument. We are taking steps to have the trousers removed." No damage appeared to have been done to the monument, the Trust said.

Messing about on the river for water music

BY MARK HENDERSON

THE Stour has become the first river to have its own composer-in-residence, funded by a £390,000 lottery grant.

The Stour will for three years become home to Karen Wimhurst, a composer whose work includes a Lockerbie requiem and the score for the Royal Shakespeare Company's *Moby Dick*.

Ms Wimhurst will write music inspired by the river and the people of Dorset, Wiltshire and Somerset who live alongside it. She will also help local residents compose a "second strand" of music that expresses what the river means to them.

Sounds and instruments will range from recordings of the river and its mills and weirs, to church bells, choirs and orchestras. Professional musicians, amateurs and those with no musical experience will be encouraged to contribute by a support team from the environment and arts charity Common Ground.

The three-year festival, dubbed "Confluence", will begin around the Stour's headwaters at Stourton in Wiltshire Somerset later this summer. Ms Wimhurst and her team will then move downstream through Hardy country, staging concerts and collecting musical contributions from the communities along the river, finishing with a grand concert at Christchurch.

The project will cost £700,000 in all, and sponsorship has already been raised from the Environment Agency and Marks & Spencer.

The scheme is designed to bring the riverside communities together and to increase enviromental consciousness. Sue Clifford, director of Common Ground, said the lottery money was essential.

"The grant will give us the opportunity to help people socially to express and build new relationships with running water from spring to brook to river through music of all kinds," she said.

Some local councillors, though, attacked the scheme as a waste of money. David Parker, chairman of the Salisbury Council committee that covers Stourton, said: "This is an incredible amount of money for an incredibly stupid project."

The team in red, white and blue is wearing Paul Smith



Smith: designed suits for the England team

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

ENGLAND'S World Cup squad will wear £600 suits designed by Paul Smith as France 98 turns into the most *chic* tournament since football began. Players, stewards and even referees are being turned into unlikely models for a month as rival fashion houses compete to dress everyone involved in the contest.

Smith was helped by Glenn Hoddle to design the special two-piece, single-breasted classic summer suits in light colours. The designer has also created exclusive ties for the England team, using the theme of three lions. He has thrown in bundles of classic shirts, shorts and casual wear, but no sports gear.

Final fittings will take place shortly. Because of their training programme, players change shape in a matter of weeks and can only be certain of their final sizes just before the tournament starts.

Smith provided the off-the-pitch clothing for the England squad that hosted Euro 96. The footballers were so happy with their outfits that they clamoured for more.

The French team's suits are being designed by the celebrated fashion house Daniel Hechter. But the limelight is being grabbed by Yves Saint Laurent. At the request of "Monsieur Mondial" Michel Platini, co-president of the French organising committee, the veteran couturier is dressing 3,500 World Cup participants. They include officials from Fifa, the French organising team, stewards, and the referees.

To mark the 40th anniversary of YSL, 300 of the world's most beautiful women will parade around the Stade de France for a 12-minute pageant before the final kick-off on July 12. A canvas will be laid over the pitch, but even so, heels have been banned to protect the playing surface, forcing Saint Laurent to design special shoes for the event.

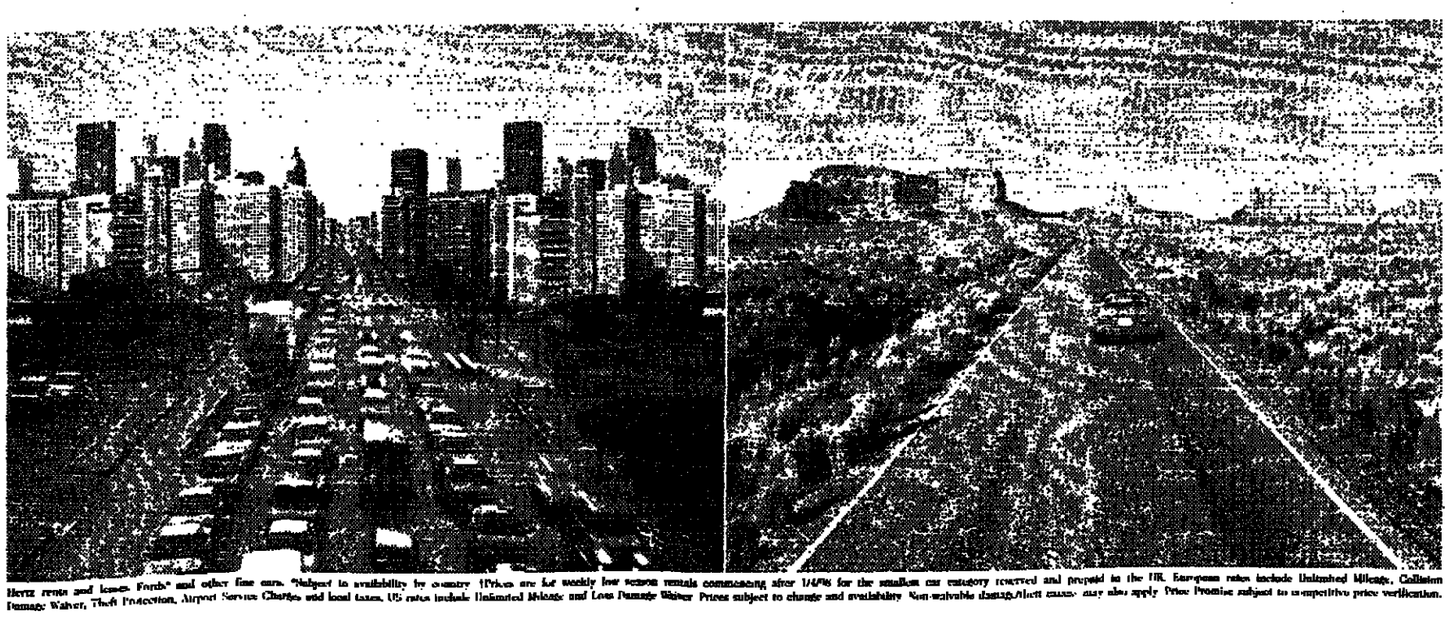
Among them will be 30 supermodels, led by France's own *Laetitia Casta, star of the Guess jeans* advertisement, who has just been named one of the world's sexiest women by *Elle* magazine.

In Britain, YSL has deliberately avoided using the World Cup to promote its clothing. Fashion insiders blame this on fears by the French designers that their upmarket image will be tarnished by becoming linked with English football hooliganism.

The official "face" of YSL in Britain is a jockey, Frankie Dettori. A promotion deal ensures that whenever he wins a race, the YSL monogram is on his turtleneck. Saint Laurent has also unofficially provided clothes for Linford Christie and Ian Botham.

But some fashion houses are happy to be linked with English soccer. Dressing footballers in designer clothing is a growing trend. Arsenal players for tomorrow's FA Cup Final have chosen Hugo Boss designs, making them look like a bunch of mobsters.

Smith has already clothed Nottingham Forest and Manchester United players. Whether England lift the World Cup or not, Smith will have plenty to cheer. A son of Nottingham, he is still said by aides to be "over the moon" that Forest have won promotion to the Premier League.



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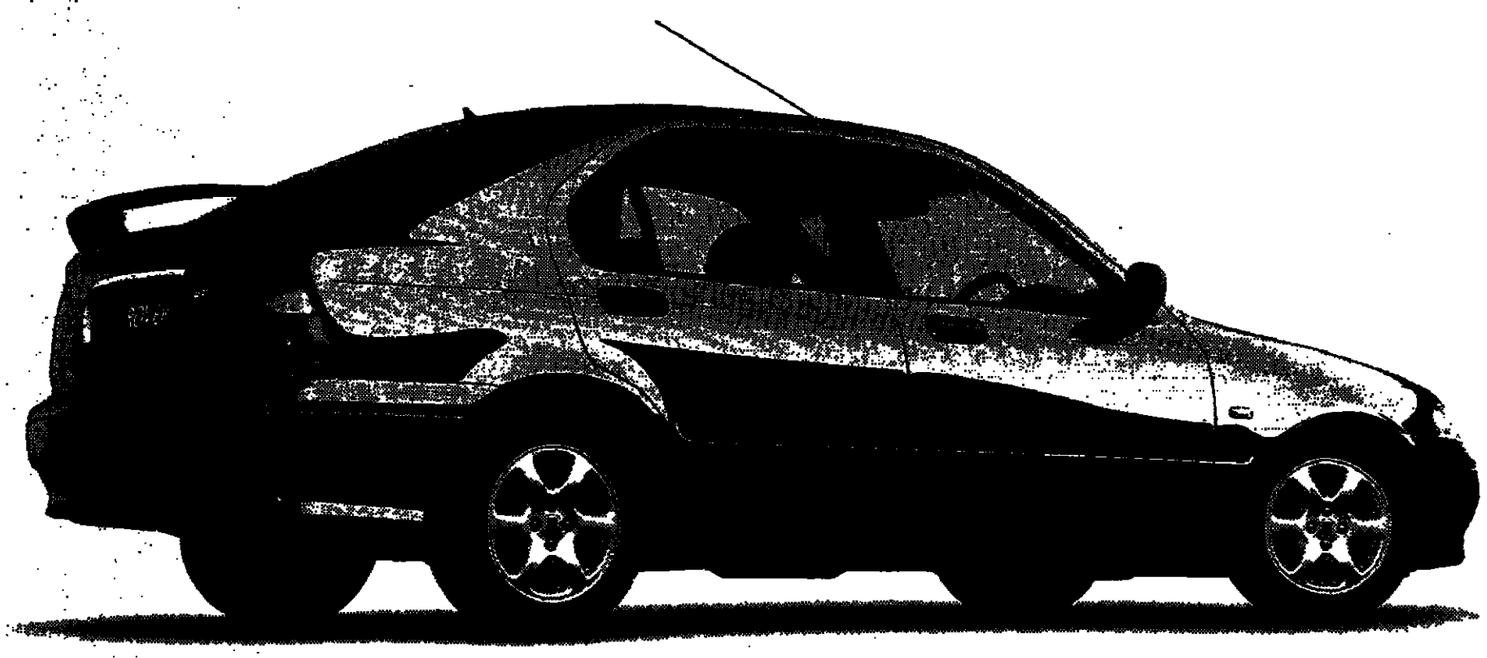
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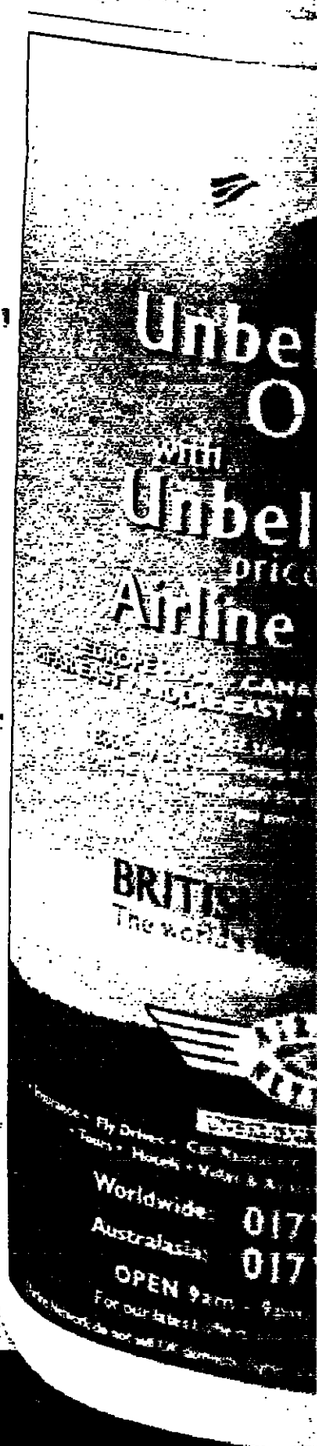
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Actor takes a beating for new Grainger film

Dalya Alberge reports from Cannes on film-makers' passion for realism

AN ACTOR who is to play the eccentric Australian composer and pianist Percy Grainger in a £3.6 million film is having lessons in sado-masochism as he gets to grips with the part.

Richard Roxburgh, whose movies include *Oscar and Lucinda*, is taking method acting to extremes in preparation for *Passion*: bruises, reminiscent of those which Grainger fondly nicknamed "blue roses", have appeared on his body after "many hours of whipping and S&M tuition".

He has also had piano lessons and proved himself to be a fast learner, although a professional's hands will be seen playing to digitally-enhanced recordings of Grainger in the film.

The film, to be shot in Sydney, London and New York, was yesterday sold by Beyond Films, the Australian company, to Channel 4 Films at the Cannes Film Festival. It co-stars Barbara Hershey, whose credits include Woody Allen's *Hannah and Her Sisters*.

Grainger's relish for extreme sado-masochism — to the point where he needed medical attention — will be just one aspect of a colourful genius: he was a charismatic man to whom women were drawn, a brilliant pianist revered by both Grieg and Delius, an innovative composer and an intellectual.

Grainger (1882-1961), who is today best known for popular arrangements that include *Danny Boy* and *English Country Garden*, was born in Melbourne but spent most of his life in London and New York.

The script reflects an eccentricity which ranged from trying to rid the English language of all Latin and Greek words to wearing clothes made of towelling which he designed and made himself. Numerous attempts to film his story, including one by Ken Russell, have failed over the past 20 years.



Percy Grainger, the eccentric Australian composer

Film-makers at Cannes are offering a huge selection of "biopics" about famous musicians, writers and comedians. Derek Jacobi is coming to the festival for the premiere of *Love is the Devil*, a portrait of the painter Francis Bacon.



Richard Roxburgh stars with Barbara Hershey

Written and directed by John Maybury, in his feature film debut, it co-stars Tilda Swinton, best known for Derek Jarman's *Caravaggio* and for sleeping in the Serpentine Gallery display-case for a week.

The film focuses on contradictions in Bacon's artistic and personal life, his turbulent and disturbing relationship with his friend George Dyer and others. Mr Maybury said: "It is a very complex, but at the same time, almost clichéd gay relationship — a fatal attraction between the upper and working classes." It will be released in Britain in September.

Byron is to be played by Jude Law, who appeared most recently as Lord Alfred Douglas in *Wilde;* Germany is making films about the relationship between the composer Chopin and writer George Sand in *Winter in Majorca*, and the American dancer Isadora Duncan in *The Dancer*. Juliette Binoche will play George Sand in *Les Enfants du Siècle*, a £10 million production.

The artists Chagall, Stanley Spencer, Georgia O'Keefe, Gauguin and the Pre-Raphaelites will have their portrait painted on screen. Writers to be featured include James Joyce, Racine and Molière. The Irish Film Board is backing the Joyce project, *Nora*, about his wife Nora Barnacle: the cast includes Ewan McGregor as Joyce. The $8 million film is to be shot this summer.

Racine and Molière are depicted in *Marquise*, a story about a prostitute who courted them: it stars Sophie Marceau and Lambert Wilson.

Beethoven will feature in a British film, *Bridgetower*, about a black prodigy who impressed him, while the life and times of Gilbert and Sullivan are the inspiration for the latest film from Mike Leigh, starring Jim Broadbent and Alison Steadman and being filmed this summer.

The Belgian jazz guitarist, Django Reinhardt — the first European player to influence American guitarists — is being portrayed in a movie being developed by the First Film Company and Roger Randall-Cutler, while the life of the comedian Tony Hancock is covered in *After the Rain*.

The Hollywood actor and playboy Dean Martin is reported to be the subject of two films, one involving Martin Scorsese, who is in Cannes as this year's president of the jury.

ANDRÉ CAMARA



Harris hangs on to Pasha on the beach. At first he refused to work with lions

Harris gets used to life with the lions

BY A CORRESPONDENT

TALES of co-stars lashing out and scratching are not uncommon at Cannes, although it rarely happens so publicly as yesterday when Richard Harris paraded his fellow players. And even as he played with lion cubs Pasha and Caesar to promote his new film *To Walk With Lions* Harris must have been wondering what made him ignore the clause he insisted on having in his contract — the one about not having to work with the animals.

Harris, who plays conservationist George Adamson, said: "I put in my contract that I would not have anything to do with the lions. I told them that they'd better get a stunt double."

After meeting the lions and their trainers on location in Kenya, though, Harris, 64, changed his mind. "They can't keep me away from the lions now. I've fallen in love," he said.

To Walk With Lions promises to be a "far grittier and more action-packed" tale than *Born Free*, made 30 years ago. It depicts Joy Adamson, heroine of the original movie, as a shrill woman set on self-publicity.

Joy's murder by one of her servants is incidental in a movie that focuses on George's own violent death at the hands of Kenyan poachers. The film has just finished shooting and is expected to be released in April next year.

Film-makers given £92m are slow to show results

FROM DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT, IN CANNES

ONLY one of three film consortiums has produced a film a year after they were selected to receive £92 million of lottery cash to make around 90 British movies over the next six years.

A row broke out at the festival with one producer telling *The Hollywood Reporter* that "the franchises have really been unexpectedly slow to get to speed. It's been very disappointing."

After opening the British Pavilion at the Cannes Film Festival, the Minister for Film, Tom Clarke, said that no one expected films to be made overnight. They needed space to develop scripts and put everything together: "Otherwise, the quality of films would suffer." He insisted that the Government was being kept "well-informed".

A spokeswoman for the British Film Commission echoed that view, saying that it took longer than a year to make a film and "they have only just signed the papers".

The franchises were announced at last year's festival. The winners were the Film Consortium, Pathe and DNA Films. Each of them is made up several companies: the Film Consortium, for example, includes Scala, Greenpoint, Parallax and Virgin Cinemas. Two films from the Film Consortium stable are *Hideous Kinky*, Gillies Mackinnon's movie with Kate Winslet, and *The Lost Son*, a thriller by Chris Menges. They also have numerous films in development, including an animated version of *A Christmas Carol*. The other two lottery recipients are developing films: Duncan Kenworthy is shooting a romantic comedy, *The Notting Hill Film*, starring Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts, for DNA. The three consortiums beat 34 rival bidders to win the franchises.

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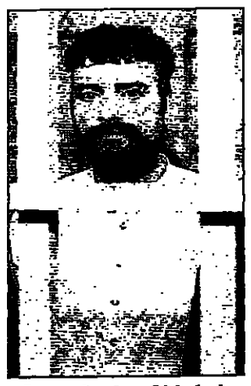
Michael Stone as he carried out the Milltown attack in 1988. When police told him the toll, he replied: "Brilliant ... I would have shot more if the gun hadn't jammed."

In the decade since Michael Stone fired on mourners, he has played a pivotal role, says **Martin Fletcher**

THE pictures of the bearded, long-haired Michael Stone throwing grenades then firing at his pursuers during the funerals of the IRA's three-member Gibraltar unit are among the most enduring of the Troubles.

The 1988 attack in West Belfast's Milltown cemetery, northern republicanism's holiest ground, filled the world with revulsion. It so incensed republicans that three days later a mob savagely killed two British corporals who drove too close to the funeral cortege of one of Stone's victims.

But it made Stone a cult hero among hardline loyalists and his stature has, if anything, grown over the past ten years.



Stone: Locks of his hair have been sold for £20

He was a spokesman for the Ulster Defence Association inmates when the media were admitted to the top-security Maze prison in January, and was one of five UDA leaders who met Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, when she visited H-Block 8 a few days later to persuade them to keep faith with the peace process.

In a 1994 interview Stone claimed he and his fellow UDA prisoners played a "paramount" role in bringing about the loyalist ceasefire that year and leaders of the Ulster Democratic Party confirmed yesterday that he was a strong supporter of the peace process.

Stone, 42, was born in Birmingham, abandoned by his mother after five months and raised by his aunt in East Belfast. He grew up into a life of crime, violence and racketeering and, by the time of the Milltown attack, he had had nine children by two wives and four girlfriends.

He became a freelance loyalist killer. On the morning of the Milltown attack he kissed his wife a final goodbye, believing he might never return, and took a Number 24 bus across the city to the republican Falls Road. He carried with him seven grenades, a Browning semi-automatic pistol and a Luger gun. His aim was to kill Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness. "I had decided to blow them away," he said.

In the event there were too many women and children surrounding the Sinn Fein leaders, he claimed later. He instead threw two grenades into the republican plot that was surrounded by the IRA colour guard. "I wanted to get the right boys — the ones with berets and flags," he said. As the crowd turned on him he began retreating across waste ground towards the M1, firing at his pursuers.

He would have been torn apart had the police not arrived just in time to rescue him. The attack left three dead and 68 injured. When the police told him the toll, Stone replied: "Brilliant ... I would have shot more if the gun hadn't jammed."

As he awaited trial in Crumlin Road Jail he received bundles of fan mail. He was found guilty of those three murders plus three earlier murders of Catholics and five attempted murders.

The judge called him a "dangerous and ruthless criminal" who showed no remorse. He received concurrent sentences totalling 648 years, with a recommendation he serve at least 30, and left the courtroom giving a clenched-fist salute and shouting "Long live Ulster — no surrender".

Stone's greying black hair is now tied back in a ponytail, and locks of it have been sold with autographed pictures for £20 in loyalist strongholds. He has been allowed out of the Maze several times on compassionate leave and was photographed last year as he laid flowers on his grandmother's grave.

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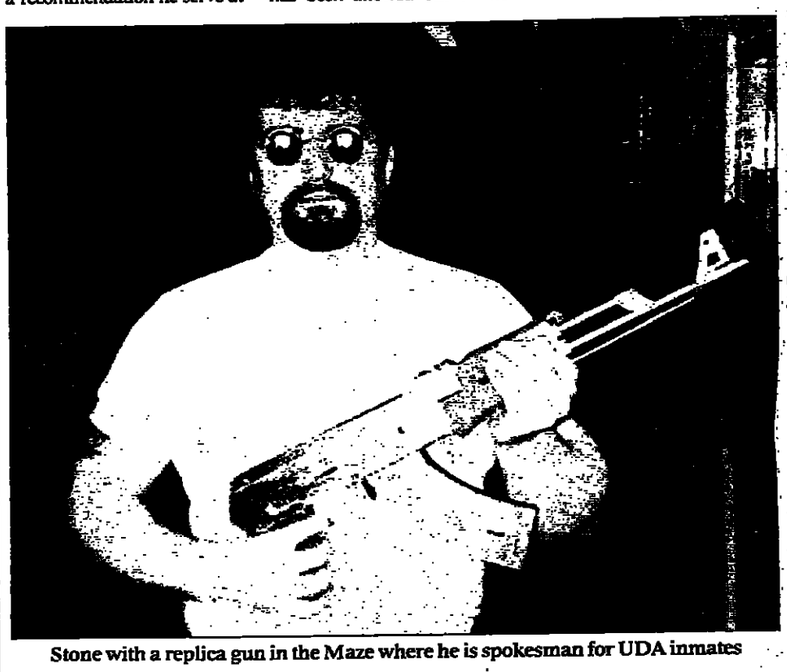
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Stone with a replica gun in the Maze where he is spokesman for UDA inmates

'No one should suffer as we have suffered'

Grieving relatives of IRA victims say only a 'yes' vote can stop the killing, reports **Martin Fletcher**

THE daughter of an eminent professor killed by the IRA's Balcombe Street gang in 1975 visited Northern Ireland for the first time yesterday to deliver a passionate appeal for a "yes" vote in next week's referendum.

"It was incredibly hard for me, on Sunday, to see my father's killers walk into the Sinn Fein gathering," Diana Hamilton-Fairley said at Belfast's Europa Hotel.

"They are alive and my father is dead. But I am prepared to give these people the benefit of the doubt if it means that no one else will ever have to go through the pain and suffering of having someone snatched away because two communities cannot live together."

Ms Hamilton-Fairley was one of four relatives of victims of terrorist atrocities who came together yesterday to voice their support for the peace accord. "Over the years every bomb and bullet that has killed or maimed has reopened my wounds, knowing how those people and their relatives are suffering," she said. "No one should be subjected to the loss I and so many others have suffered. The peace agreement must be supported with a resounding 'yes' so that everyone can move forward and start to make the past the past."

Professor Gordon Hamilton-Fairley, a cancer specialist, was killed while walking his dogs by a bomb intended for his neighbour, the Tory MP Sir Hugh Fraser.

Ms Hamilton-Fairley, 41, an obstetrician and gynaecologist who has two children, recalled that her father had just returned from a long business trip abroad and they had gone out to dinner the previous night so that she could tell him about her first three weeks as a medical student. Thirty minutes after she left the house in London the next morning, "my life was shattered by an explosion that not only killed my father but has reverberated in my life ever since".

His death was "a pointless waste of life born out of centuries of divisiveness, mistrust and hatred ... Patients came from all over the world, including Northern Ireland, to be treated in his unit. He was 45 when he died and had so much more to give. I miss him terribly. He knows nothing of my work, his grandchildren have never met him."

The four relatives urged the people of Northern Ireland to back a peace accord from which many Unionists recoil because it would free IRA terrorists and put Sinn Fein into Northern Ireland's Cabinet.

John Maxwell's son Paul, 15, died when the IRA blew up Earl Mountbatten's boat in Co Sligo in 1979. He found his son's mutilated body in the bottom of the boat.

"It was the greatest blow I have ever experienced in my life," Mr Maxwell, from Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, said. "My hope is that no more families, Protestant or Catholic, suffer the agony and anguish of loss that my family suffered and a 'yes' vote to my mind is the only way forward."

Beryl Quigley's husband, Bill, an assistant governor at the Maze prison, was shot dead outside their home in 1984. "We have lost too many people. We have damaged too many lives. Too many things have been blown apart in too many ways," she said. "Surely we can't let this carry on?"

Alan McBride's wife, Sharon, died in the 1993 Shankill Road fish shop bomb. Gerry Adams carried the coffin of one of the bombers. The accord means that the other bomber will be released from the Maze. Mr McBride said that was hard to accept. "I don't want anyone ever to have to go through what I went through that day. I honestly believe in my heart that this deal offers the best way to move forward."



No more tears: John Maxwell's teenage son was killed; Diana Hamilton-Fairley lost her father



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Fireman's videos were too hot for brigade

BY HELEN [illegible]

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James Major and Emma Noble outside her home yesterday. She denied the relationship was a publicity stunt

Major minor's happy fiancee says it's love

By Kathryn Knight

JAMES MAJOR, the son of the former Prime Minister, and his fiancée Emma Noble dismissed suggestions that their relationship was a publicity stunt to boost her hopes of becoming a television presenter as they posed for pictures outside her family home yesterday.

Showing off her platinum solitaire ring at her parents' home in Sidcup, Kent, Miss Noble, 26, a game show hostess, said the couple were planning a big party to celebrate the engagement, which comes after a two-month romance. "It seems like we've known each other for ever. It's love — of course it's love," she said, dismissing speculation as hurtful.

Mr Major, 23, said he had proposed by getting down on one knee and then rung his parents straight away. "As you know, they are very happy about it."

Miss Noble said: "My first reaction was that I was very happy. It was a surprise, but it was a very nice surprise. I said 'yes' straight away."

The Majors, who issued a short statement from their constituency last night, are to meet up with the couple on return from holiday in America next week. Sir Peter Brown, Mr Major's party agent, said: "If you've been Prime Minister for seven years, nothing comes as a shock. I think they realise that James and Emma have been quite close and are very happy for them."


The engagement ring

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Fireman's videos were too hot for brigade

By Helen Johnstone

A FIREMAN who helped to fight the Windsor Castle blaze has resigned after being caught running a pornographic video business while on sick leave.

Sub-officer Alan Yates had been off work on full pay for about six months, citing a stress-related illness which was supported by doctors' notes. Chief officers, acting on a tip-off, discovered that he had been making "glamour" films.

Mr Yates, 49, who was based at Newbury fire station, said yesterday: "I used to make corporate videos as well as training videos for the fire brigade. I am very professional and good at making films. We use young amateur models."

Mr Yates, of Grove, Oxfordshire, denied that the videos were obscene, adding that most could be bought in high street stores.

He said his business had an annual turnover of £150,000 and he had resigned when confronted because he no longer wanted to be a fireman.

Jeff Brooks, chairman of Berkshire fire authority, said: "He was working in another business while on long-term sick leave, for which he was receiving full pay."

Channel 5 secures a cup double

By Raymond Snoddy
Media Editor

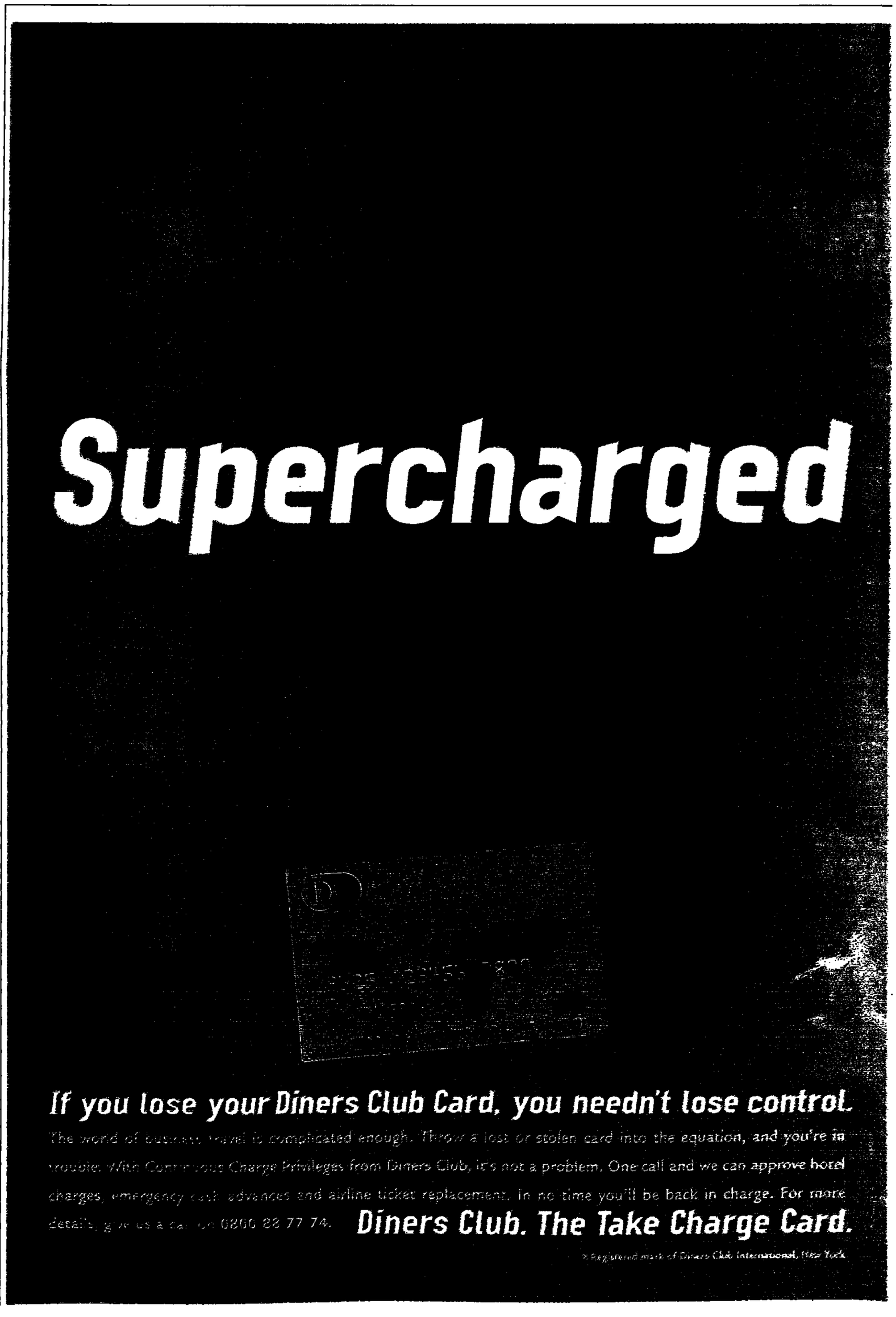
DAVID ELSTEIN, chief executive of Channel 5, yesterday claimed two spectacular strikes. He won coverage of Chelsea's defence of its European Cup Winners' Cup title next season and Liverpool's campaign in the Uefa Cup.

Mr Elstein bought the television rights to Chelsea's Cup Winners' games this season and saw Channel 5's viewing figures rise as a result. But the BBC had the rights to Wednesday's final, in which Chelsea beat VfB Stuttgart 1-0, through its membership of the European Broadcasting Union.

Mr Elstein went for the Cup Winners' rights, gambling correctly on Chelsea beating Stuttgart and therefore having to defend its title in the Cup Winners' competition in the coming season.

He was able to complete the double by setting a deadline for a deal with Liverpool, which has in the past sold its international rights to the BBC. "The BBC was able to match any offers but there was no time limit specified. We agreed a 5pm Wednesday deadline with Liverpool before the outcome of the Chelsea game was known," Mr Elsein said yesterday.

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Students get degrees with 13% exam score

Mark Henderson on a Scottish university's drive to boost pass rates

A SCOTTISH university is awarding degrees to students who may have scored as little as 13 per cent in modular examinations in an effort to improve its pass rate. Leaked internal documents suggest that staff at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh lowered pass marks and "dumbed down" modules to allow less able students to get degrees.

A confidential memo in 1996 from Alistair MacFarlane, the Principal at the time, urged staff to take action to improve degree pass rates by ten percentage points after only 80 per cent of students completed their courses. Lecturers and examiners were encouraged to alter the syllabus and teaching and assessment criteria to give an instant boost to results.

The directive sparked protests from lecturers, who say it has led to an unacceptable fall in standards that is unfair to conscientious students and potentially damaging to the university's reputation. Brian Dodds, a senior mathematics lecturer, said: "Candidate X obtains 13 out of 100 in a module exam, the exam counting for 80 per cent in the assessment of the module. By revising the mark upwards, adding 'continuous assessment' and then scaling the whole upwards, the candidate passes the module."

He also attacked a module in which the pass mark was cut to 24 per cent to halve the percentage failing from 46 to 23. Dr Dodds, a member of the university's senate, tried to raise the issue there last week but was told he must first do so with his department.

Heriot-Watt is ranked 45th in *The Times* universities league table published today. It comes 8th among Scottish universities and its mathematics department is rated "highly satisfactory". The university is presently opposing proposals made last year in Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education for a national panel of external examiners to oversee degree standards.

Professor MacFarlane's memo, of February 6, 1996, said that executive staff were "extremely concerned at the apparent lack of progess" in improving the university's 80 per cent completion rate and urged an "immediate improvement to a pass rate of 90 per cent for each module".

"Such action, where deemed necessary, may involve adjustment to the syllabus and modification of the teaching and assessment methods," Professor MacFarlane wrote. The Association of University Teachers said that such a move would demoralise hard-working students and reinforce apathy among the lazy. "There is a growing discipline problem arising out of the perception among the student body that we are reluctant to fail them," it wrote.

"Students who show a flagrant disregard for the requirements of a module, in terms of attendance, application and submission of work, account for a very high proportion of the failures. The majority of able and motivated students quickly become discontented when they see how the others are being handled."

John Archer, the current Principal, said yesterday that students would never be awarded a degree with an overall mark of 13 per cent. At least 46 modules needed to be passedfor a mathematics degree and changing assessment techniques were a result of changing trends in education, he said. "Although these trends in modern higher education have been accepted enthusiastically by most colleagues, there are inevitably a few who have not fully taken these trends on board."

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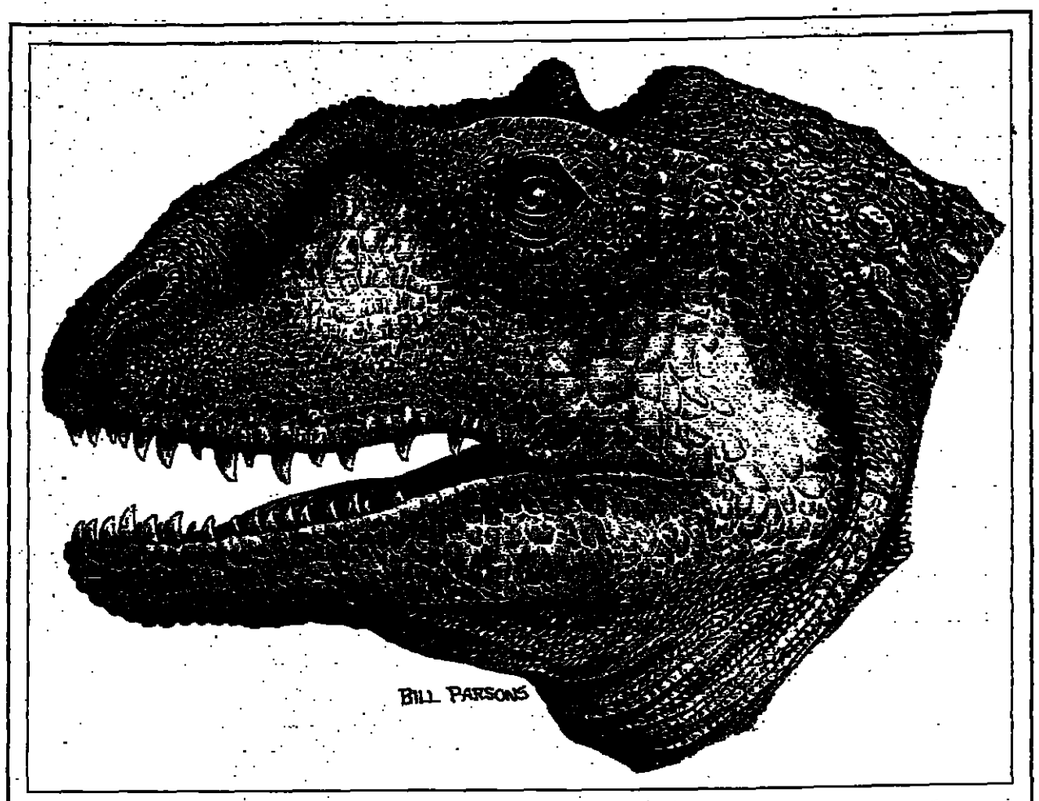
SCHOOLS JOIN HANDS ACROSS DIVIDE

Ampleforth and Wellington College are among leading public schools that are to open their doors to comprehensive school pupils. In all 48 links between opposite ends of the education spectrum will share £600,000 in a move designed to dispel old Labour's antipathy towards independent schools.

Stephen Byers, the School Standards Minister, said the scheme aimed to raise academic standards rather than sharing sports facilities. Independent schools would benefit from "an insight into the assessment of individual pupils and the use of new technology".

Wells Cathedral School in Somerset, where boarding costs £10,600 a year, will share its musical expertise with St George Community School in Bristol, an inner-city comprehensive with a 17 per cent GCSE rate. They plan to compose and perform world music in local primary schools.

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Ugly dinosaurs ruled the Earth

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

IT DOES not look pretty even in a reconstruction but experts believe that the real *Majungatholus atopus* was ugly enough to frighten its enemies.

The flesh-eating monster found in Madagascar was about 30ft long, had rough and wrinkled facial bones, with a bony bump above its eye sockets that may have been covered with some sort of horn. "This skull is weird and wonderful — and ugly," said Scott Sampson, an anatomist from the New York Institute of Technology. "The face of *Majungatholus* may well have appealed to members of the opposite sex, but not from any other species."

The dinosaur had been known before but only from a fragment of skull, and had been classified as herbivorous. Instead, the magazine *Science* reports, *Majungatholus* was the top predator of its day, 65 to 70 million years ago, and belonged to a family of dinosaurs previously found only in India and South America. This means that South America was linked to Madagascar, and perhaps also to Africa much longer than was previously supposed.

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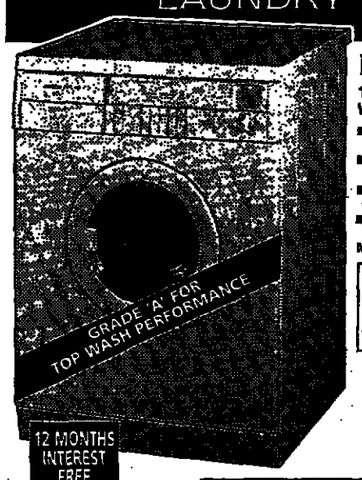
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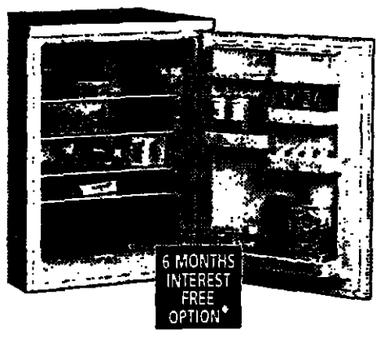
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Teacher found hanged hours before he was to appear in court

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

A TEACHER at an internationally renowned choir school apparently killed himself hours before he was scheduled to appear in court to face abuse allegations.

Nick Drewett, games master at St Mary's Preparatory and Choir School, was found dead in the garage of his home in the early hours yesterday. He had been to appear at Reigate Magistrates' Court.

He had been charged along with the school's head teacher, Anthony Hart, a former inspector of private schools and presenter of children's programmes on BBC Radio who had been head of St Mary's for 14 years.

Surrey Police, who sealed off the modest ground-floor flat in which Mr Drewett is believed to have lived alone, later confirmed that he had been found hanged in the garage. A spokesman said the death was not being treated as suspicious.

Staff at the £4,500-a-year school yesterday declined to comment. The teachers, both bachelors, had been suspended on full pay pending a joint investigation by police and social services. Mr Drewett had later been charged with six counts of indecent assault and Mr Hart on one.

Having being informed of the death, magistrates yesterday adjourned the case against Mr Hart, 60, from Horley, Surrey. He was released on bail to appear for a plea and direction hearing at Guildford Crown Court on June 12.

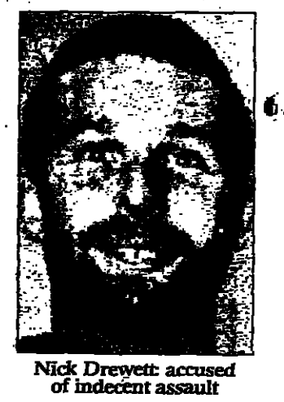
Nothing was mentioned in court about the death of Mr Drewett, 31, from Reigate, before magistrates adjourned his case until May 28. Both men had been arrested and charged last month after allegations by a number of boys.

The choir at St Mary's has featured on the soundtracks of films such as *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *The Browning Version*. The choristers have also appeared on BBC1's *The Generation Game*.

The suspension of the two men had put the school in turmoil and an acting headmaster had been hurriedly appointed to take charge of the independent school for 230 boys, aged between three and thirteen, which stands in 15 acres of parkland.

Mr Hart, who joined the school in 1983 after a variety of teaching posts in Britain and abroad, had been set to leave the school this year and his successor has been named as David Tidmarsh, 35.

The school dates back to the start of the century when Godfrey Searle, a member of the choir of St Mary's Parish Church in Reigate and deputy in St Paul's Cathedral Choir, was asked to look after the welfare of the choristers.



Nick Drewett: accused of indecent assault

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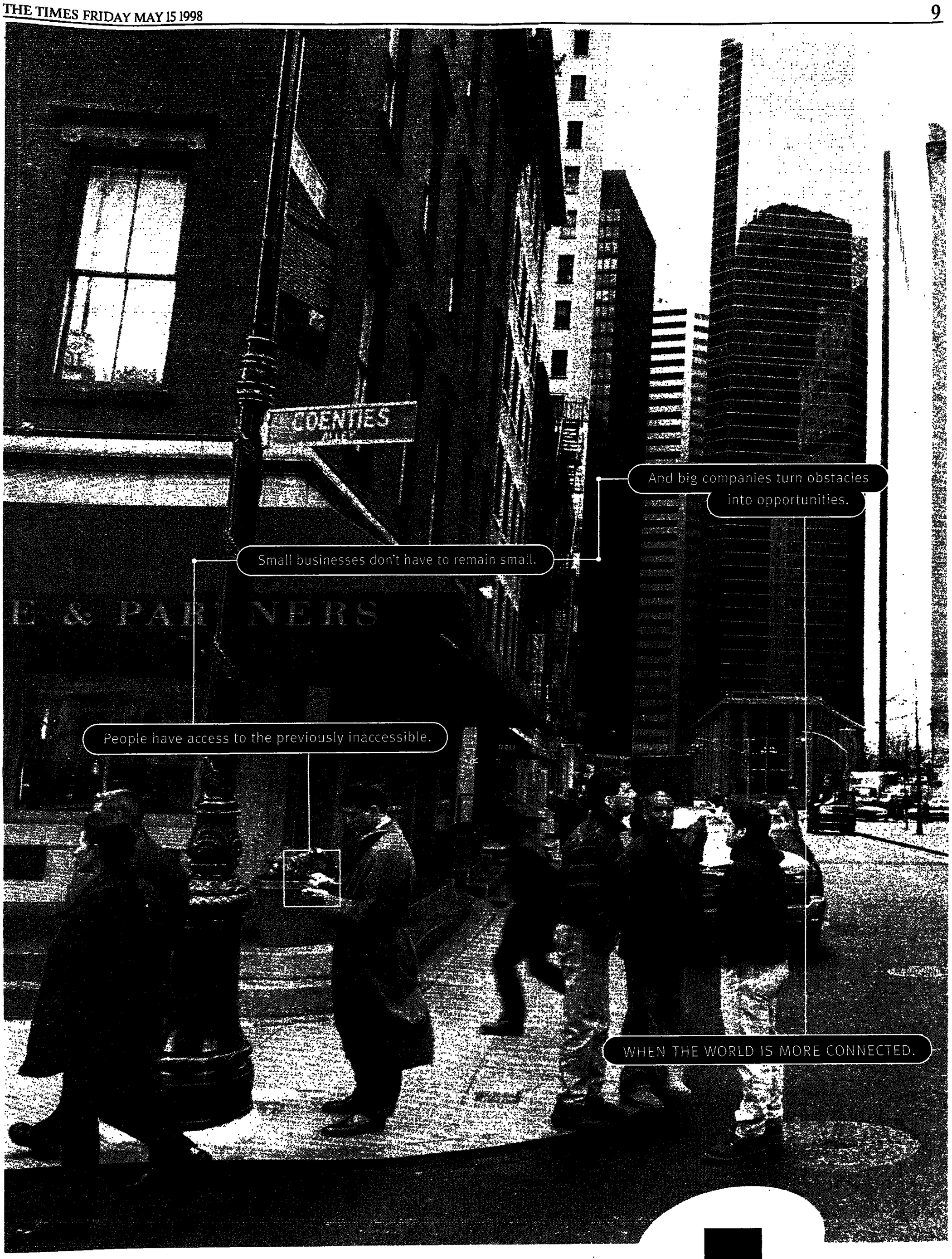
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Not mad or bad – woman for whom childbirth became a legal landmark

A mother like any other? **Alexandra Frean** searches for the real Miss S

Last week the Court of Appeal ruled that a pregnant women can refuse medical help even when her baby's life is at risk. The case could go to the House of Lords to determine a woman's right to control her body. The court was given an outline of Miss S's story. She was presented as an intelligent, professional woman who was capable of making informed decisions about the future of her and her baby. She has since been portrayed by others as an irrational, unstable woman, jilted by her lover, who wanted to give birth alone in an isolated barn in Wales and who was prepared to risk her own life and that of her baby. Who is the real Miss S?



Miss S is an attractive 30-year-old with a boyish face. She wears suits to work and buys her casual clothes from Laura Ashley and Monsoon. Her shoulder-length brown hair is flecked with grey. She is self-confident, engaging and lucid.

She lives in a small flat in South London with her two-year-old daughter and a dog. She believes in God, or at least a supreme being, and regularly attends church. Those who know her well say she is fiercely independent — a survivor who likes to be in control.

Until she was detained under the Mental Health Act and forced to have a Caesarean section in April 1996, after doctors warned that she and her unborn child faced a life-threatening condition, her life was unremarkable.

Two years after those traumatic events, Miss S appears to be a normal working mother, struggling to make ends meet as a single parent and meeting the challenges of her life with energy and determination. But all is perhaps not what it seems.

There is something disconcerting about her attitude to her child. There is no hint of affection. Miss S, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, has said that she has never felt "the slightest bit maternal". When friends ask what her relationship with her daughter is like, her reply is "fine". She describes her daughter as "100 per cent normal".

Another striking feature is her indifference to her own mortality. As death is the only certainty, she does not see any point in wasting time worrying about it. She would not mind if she died tomorrow.

It is this detachment and lack of emotion that lie at the heart of Miss S's problems. Throughout the ordeal of childbirth and the court case, those dealing with her have been confused by her attitude.

Born in the Home Counties, Miss S had a conventional upbringing in a comfortable household with her younger brother and parents, both professionals. She went on to study music at university but gave up the course halfway through because she decided that "music was something you do for pleasure, not for a living".

That left Miss S in a crisis. She was wondering what to do with her life when a friend who was a vet suggested that she enter the profession. She became a veterinary nurse. When she became pregnant she had achieved a position of responsibility. On the day she was sectioned, she had been drawing up important documents for the staff.

> "Her social workers and doctors would not accept that she fully understood that her decision to refuse medical help meant she and her unborn child would probably die. They said she was mad"

Miss S, who had an abortion in 1993 and a miscarriage in 1995, believes that children should be brought up in a stable home with two parents. She had a long on-and-off relationship with the father of her daughter but ended it during the pregnancy because she felt that he was not offering adequate support. He returned from work one day to find his belongings on the pavement and the locks changed. She has not seen him since and he has not attempted to see his daughter. Miss S has said it is be the best decision she ever made.

She is now working full-time in the veterinary profession and studying for a management diploma. Her ordeal has turned her against the NHS and she would like to work in alternative medicine. She has taken private medical health insurance and vowed that the next NHS doctor who sees her will be the one who signs her death certificate. She has described the legal action as a form of therapy, to help her to deal with her anger. She had not intended to seek any medical treatment during pregnancy but her boss persuaded her to see a doctor when she was eight months pregnant. She and her boss suspected she had pre-eclampsia.

The doctor confirmed that she had the life-threatening condition — abnormally high blood pressure that can lead to blood poisoning and convulsions. She refused to go to hospital. The doctor called in a social worker who had her sectioned under the Mental Health Act on April 25, 1996. The social worker, Louize Collins, told a newspaper: "I would do the same again tomorrow. At the end of the day, she is alive, the baby is alive, and we are not in a coroner's court."

Miss S was admitted to hospital on the ground that depression was affecting her judgment. Her daughter was delivered by Caesarean section after a hospital obtained a court order allowing the operation to go ahead without her consent.

She did not offer physical resistance to treatment. She had a "naive" faith that medical staff would respect her wishes. She discharged herself the next month, against medical advice.

What haunts her most is the memory of being kept under 24-hour observation after she had been sectioned. Even now, she sometimes wakes in the night thinking that she is being watched.

To those who ask if she is not grateful that her life and that of her daughter were saved, she has simply said that she is "not sorry" to be alive.

Her social workers and doctors could not, would not, accept that she fully understood that her decision to refuse medical help meant that she and her unborn child would probably die. They said she was mad. Even the judges who upheld her right to refuse treatment said they found her behaviour "unusual and unreasonable."

Miss S has expressed sympathy for the people who had to deal with her, and has admitted that to most people her views must seem "peculiar". Although articulate when defending her right to hold such "peculiar" views, she has been unable satisfactorily to explain them. She has said simply that she felt it wrong to intervene with the natural and highly personal process of childbirth.

She has no clear idea of why she holds this view. There was no defining moment in her childhood, no unhappy hospital incident. Her family can shed no light on this because she has not discussed the circumstances of her daughter's birth with them or told them that she is "Miss S". She suspects they may have guessed, but none has raised the matter. She has said she cannot bear the thought of trying to explain to them something they would not want to understand.

Although she pursued the court case for personal reasons, she is glad that it may have helped to clarify the law and make things easier for other pregnant women who want to refuse medical treatment.

Her solicitor, Richard Stein, believes that her courage has established an important right for women. "The judgment should affect the whole relationship between doctors and women."

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Miss S has not disclosed her identity to her parents but suspects they have guessed

Depressed mother shot herself in baby's bedroom

THE mother of a week-old baby killed herself with a shotgun because she had post-natal depression, an inquest was told yesterday.

A consultant who gave evidence at the hearing into the death of Tracy Forshaw, 28, said that the condition was understood by doctors but people did not realise how deeply it affected women.

While her son James, who was six weeks premature, was in hospital, Mrs Forshaw took her husband's shotgun from a locked cabinet in their home at Small Lane, Ormskirk, Lancashire. The inquest in Preston was told that she went into the room that had been made ready for James, placed the barrel in her mouth and pulled the trigger.

Her husband Gerard, 29, a professional deep-sea diver who thought his wife had overcome her depression, was told of her death as he arrived at Marseilles Airport to start a two-week course.

Coroner Howard McCann recorded a verdict of suicide on Mrs Forshaw, who had been married for 11 months.

Mr Forshaw said his wife had become upset because James had to be fed through a tube in his nose. For three days, she went to the hospital every few hours to help in the feeds. But four days after the birth, she vanished from home and arrived back drunk late at night, although she did not usually drink.

He wiped away tears as he said: "I told her she had got this depression and she must go to hospital. We lay in bed chatting and I asked why she was doing this. She told me 'I am not good enough to be James's mother'."

Mr Forshaw said that his wife agreed to see a psychiatrist and afterwards seemed happier. The day before her death, Mr Forshaw said she was back to her normal self and they decided he should go on his course.

The inquest was told that Mrs Forshaw was being monitored by her GP after a psychiatrist at Ormskirk and District General Hospital had diagnosed her condition. The coroner said there was no criticism of the doctors.

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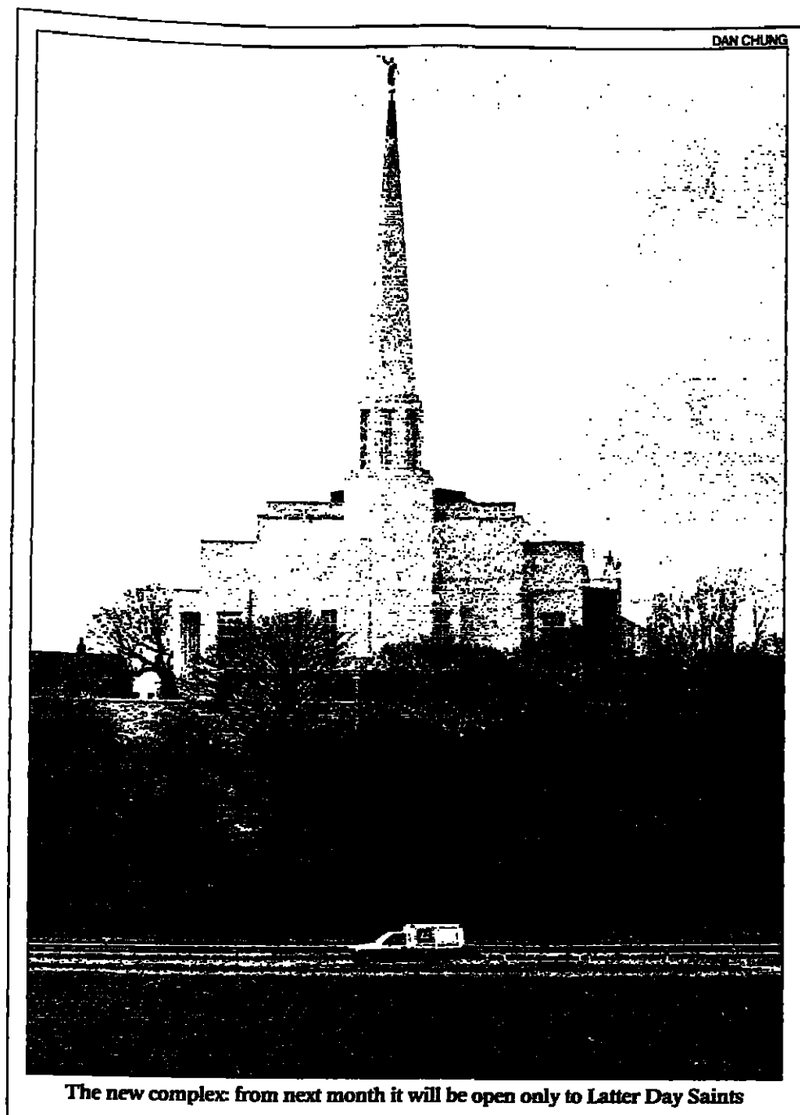
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The new complex: from next month it will be open only to Latter Day Saints

Gates of heaven open (for limited period only)

Russell Jenkins takes the chance to go inside £60m Mormon temple before it is closed to unbelievers

EUROPE'S newest and largest Mormon temple, beside junction 8 on the M61 near Chorley, Lancashire, was open to inspection yesterday. In a rare chance for role reversal, unbelievers could go calling at the door of the urban missionaries.

The new Preston Temple is built in polished, white Sardinian granite, with a 154ft spire topped by a gold-plated statue of the Angel Moroni. The landscaped 30-acre complex with missionary schools and living accommodation is estimated to have cost more than £60 million, although the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints declined to comment on the exact amount.

It is being opened to the public for a limited run. The church expects about 200,000 visitors before the end of the month. Gordon B. Hinckley, 87, the church's president and living prophet, who was a Mormon missionary in Preston more than 60 years ago, will officiate at dedications in June and the temple will then be closed to the merely curious forever.

It is only the second Mormon temple to be built in Britain and offers a slice of well-scrubbed Americana, with a breathtaking religious opulence mirroring the hierarchical creed of a church that has 10 million believers around the world and 180,000 in this country. At every turn, young American men, wearing blazers and wreathed in smiles, direct the visitor around the rooms.

The temple opens into a suite of thickly carpeted rooms built on four floors. In the basement is the font used to baptise ancestors. It looks like a spa bath standing on 12 fibre-glass oxen, symbolising the 12 tribes of Israel.

Members of the church rise up the floors to reach the sanctity of the Sealing Room, where couples are married "for eternity", and the Celestial Room, built as a physical representation of a state of grace. It has an enormous chandelier and looks like an old-fashioned sitting room except that the settees are ivory and fixtures are marble.

Once dedicated, the temple will be restricted to Latter Day Saints boasting a "temple recommend", a credit-card-sized pass that guarantees the holder is in good standing with a bishop in a church where all stimulants, including tea and coffee, are forbidden.

Spencer J. Condie, a church elder and counsellor, said that the open days were to show visitors that although the church is barred to non-believers, they have nothing to hide. He also insisted that residents living around the complex would not have to put up with extra missionaries knocking on their doors. Missionaries from around the world would be given instruction before being sent into the field, most likely abroad. Preston holds symbolic importance to Mormons. It is the home of their oldest branch. Seven missionaries arrived in Liverpool from New York on July 19, 1837. Within days they had gone to Preston, where one of their number had relatives. According to church legend, they began preaching on July 23 and the baptism of nine converts took place in the River Ribble a week later.



Cecil O. Samuelson Jr: membership is rising

Cecil O. Samuelson Jr, president of the church in Britain, said: "Since the 1950s the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has experienced a period of significant growth in this country, at a time when many other churches seem to be losing followers."

The first Mormon temple in Britain was opened in 1958 at Lingfield, Surrey. The newer temple was funded by a 10 per cent levy on members' income and by individual donations. Robert Pugh, regional marketing manager for the construction company Laing North West, confirmed claims that builders working on the site had been specifically asked not to swear.

☐ The Temple is open to the general public from tomorrow until May 30. The telephone number for tours is: 01257-413198.

Woman priest in danger of dismissal

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A WOMAN priest has been threatened with the sack after falling out with members of her congregation.

The Rev Nicola Jay has been warned by the Rt Rev Michael Turnbull, the Bishop of Durham, that she is breaking canon law by apparently refusing to conduct services at one of the two churches in her parish. But Mrs Jay, 61, says that she has been locked out of St Philip and St James in Kimblesworth, near Durham, and that there are no longer any worshippers there. Almost 2,000 people in the parish of her other church, St Peter in Sacriston, have signed a petition in support of her.

Mrs Jay, a divorced mother of four who was ordained in 1994, fell out with parishioners at Kimblesworth in October 1996. They accused her of snubbing two people by not shaking their hands, a sign of peace, at a Sunday Mass.

The dispute has halted christenings, weddings and funerals at the church. David Forster, 57, the former church secretary, said: "Her actions have ripped the heart out of the community."

Mrs Jay said: "This has been a terrible time and I just want the situation sorted out."

The bishop is due to meet her next week. He has warned her that she may have to move or lose her licence to preach.

Prescott intervenes in listed church row

Plan to scrap Victorian pews sparks public inquiry, says **Ruth Gledhill**

JOHN PRESCOTT, the Deputy Prime Minister, last night intervened in a dispute between English Heritage and members of an evangelical church by ordering a public inquiry into plans for a bookshop in a 12th-century building.

Members of the Grade I listed Round Church in Cambridge want to remove the poppy-headed wooden Victorian pews and put a shop in the chancel to raise funds for the parish, which is £400,000 in debt. The church was built by the Fraternity of the Holy Sepulchre, thought to be one of the original crusading orders. The Rev Mark Ashton, its vicar, is a member of Reform, the evangelical pressure group.

Ely diocesan advisers and Cambridge City Council have approved the plans. But after protests from English Heritage, Mr Prescott intervened. Church leaders in the Ely diocese said they were "rather surprised" to learn that there was to be a public inquiry. Of about 500,000 planning applications processed each year, 120 go to public inquiry. But where the affairs of the Church are concerned, the Government is usually content to let consistory courts decide.

Thousands of churches and several cathedrals have had bookshops, refectories and other fundraising facilities built in the past decade in Britain. Most are installed after reference to the Church's own planning process and a hearing in a consistory court.

The row parallels a notorious dispute involving the Round Church in the last century, which pitted the High Church wing of the church, the Cambridge Camden Society, against the Protestant faction. That case, brought after a visit by Queen Victoria to the Round Church, led to the removal of the church's 19th-century stone altar amid allegations that it was "popish" and "at variance with Canon Law".

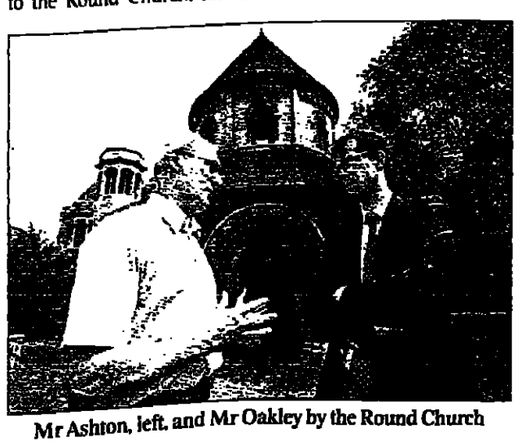
With a seating capacity of 330, the Round Church has been outgrown by its congregation and in 1994 the worshippers moved to the redundant church of St Andrew the Great near by. The Round Church became a "chapel of ease", still belonging to the parish and used for occasional services. But the £2 million cost of renovating St Andrew's left the parish £440,000 in debt to the diocese.

Stephen Oakley, a former church warden, is leading the campaign for the bookshop. A Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and the director of studies in Classics, he said: "If we don't get this the church will probably have to be made redundant, which would be a real pity because a building of this importance could be put to far better use."

The Ven Jeffrey Watson, Archdeacon of Ely, said: "These plans leave intact the historic round nave of the church, together with the chancel and sanctuary, while using the chancel aisles for the sale of Christian literature.

"I am rather surprised that English Heritage have persuaded the Environment Department to intervene when the issue was shortly to be addressed through the Church's own planning system, which includes the possibility of an appeal."

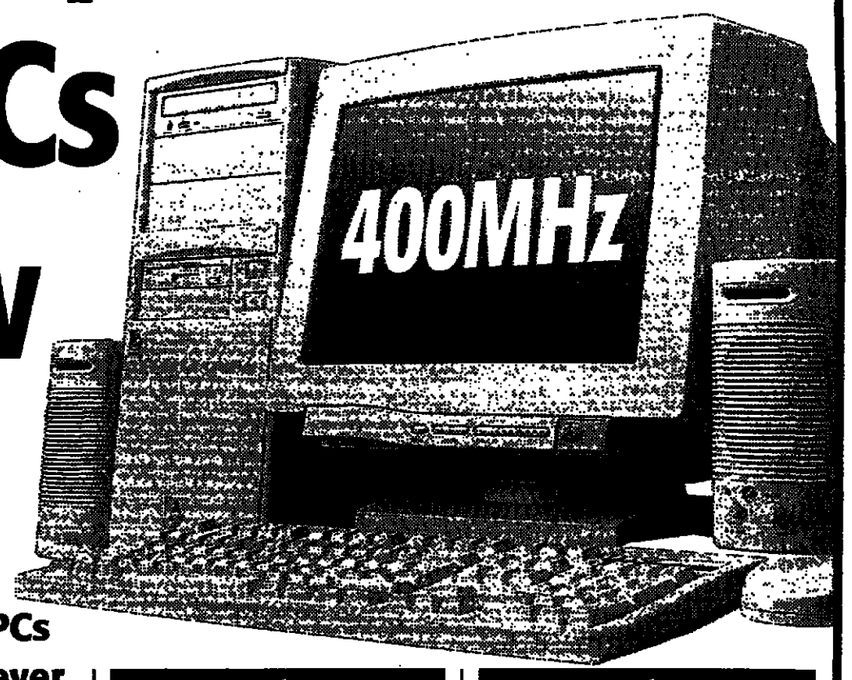
A spokeswoman for English Heritage said the removal of the pews, which date from 1840, would be a "detrimental change" to the church. She said: "The change of use and the alterations will have considerable effect upon a listed building, including its features of special architectural and historical interest."



Mr Ashton, left, and Mr Oakley by the Round Church

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Driving at high speed to be part of new test

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

LEARNER drivers are to be examined in high-speed motoring as part of new measures to cut the heavy death toll caused by newly qualified motorists.

Under the changes, to be announced today, tests will be longer and will concentrate on driving skills required in everyday motoring, rather than rarely used manoeuvres such as three-point turns. Learners will be tested driving at up to 60 mph on dual carriageways or country roads.

There is likely to be a crackdown on leniency, which allows drivers to fail on a number of "minor" tasks but still pass the test. Government-backed research has concluded that there is an association between errors committed at tests and accidents in the first three years of driving. The most common errors relate to a lack of awareness and anticipation of hazards, which officials believe leads to greater likelihood of accidents.

Tougher rules for testing driving instructors are to be introduced to weed out the weakest teachers. A logbook system of driving instruction is also being considered, under which candidates must have had experience of various types of driving conditions. These are likely to include night-time driving and possibly driving in poor weather conditions. However, ministers have ruled out allowing learner drivers on motorways, which would require new legislation.

Baroness Hayman, the Road Safety Minister, will tell a European Union conference on road safety today of the need to improve a driving test that has barely changed in 63 years.

Ministers are alarmed at the injuries caused by young and newly qualified drivers and believe that lack of experience before taking the test is a main cause of the high accident rate. Many new drivers have never driven away from suburban roads with a 40mph limit.

One in five new drivers has an accident within a year of passing the test. In addition, one in five injury accidents is caused by drivers between the ages of 17 and 25, although only one in ten drivers is within that age range.

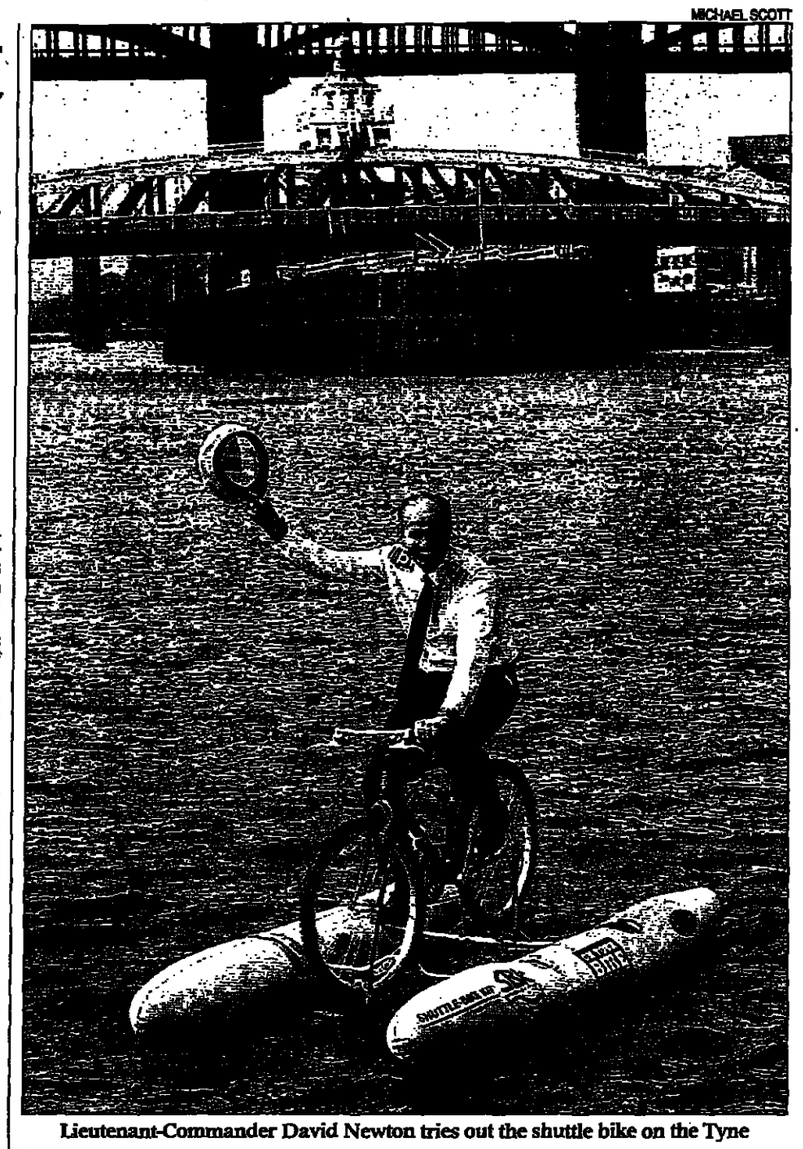
The inadequacy of the driving test is considered such a serious matter that ministers are to hurry through changes next year, instead of waiting until 2000 as had been planned. Lady Hayman is expected to announce a short consultation period.

The European Union conference is being organised by the Driving Standards Agency. Bernard Herdan, its chief executive, admits that changes will make learning to drive more expensive. "We must find a balance and ensure we do not stop some people from affording instruction altogether," he says. "But the number of novice driver accidents is intolerable and we have to balance the costs against the pain and misery, and the economic costs of all these accidents."

The average cost of instruction is about £500 but is likely to rise towards the level of countries such as Germany, where more rigorous testing commonly leads to instruction costing £1,000.

Although there have long been worries about learners' lack of motorway experience — because they are barred from driving on motorways — the bigger danger is associated with dual carriageways and driving on country roads. The number of injury accidents on non-built up A roads was 34,235 in 1996, more than four times the figure for motorways.

MICHAEL SCOTT



Lieutenant-Commander David Newton tries out the shuttle bike on the Tyne

Navy finds float bike fails to rule waves

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE latest form of amphibious transport was wheeled out for testing by the Royal Navy yesterday — but failed to make a splash.

A sort of pedalo with cycle-clips that can be attached to push bikes, the £550 Shuttle Bike Kit was launched on the Tyne to herald the opening next month of the Northern Festival of Cycling.

"I don't think the Navy will be rushing to buy these just yet," Lieutenant-Commander David Newton, Commanding Officer of *HMS Calliope*, headquarters of the Tyne division reserve unit, said after a short trial pedal from the Gateshead side of the river to the middle of the Tyne.

He added: "I see it more as something I could ride down the river to my flat after work, but I think I would have to check the tide tables first." Flat out in top gear it could achieve five or six knots but against the current progress was slow.

The floats are intended for serious cross-country cyclists. Carried in a backpack and weighing a total of 21lb, Robert Silvero, its Italian inventor, claims that it can be ready for use in ten minutes.

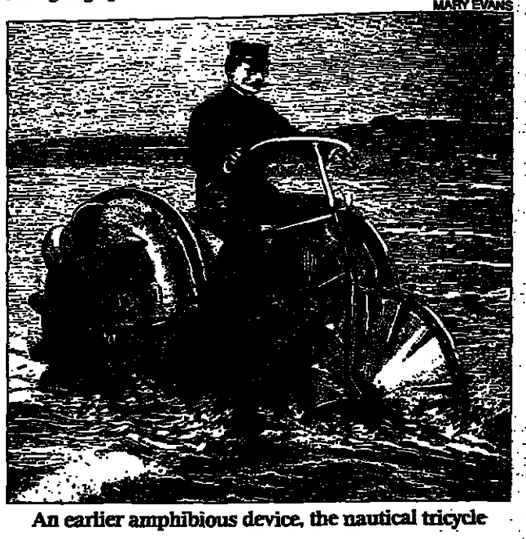
However, Carlton Reed, the editor of *On Your Bike* magazine, took 90 minutes to assemble the lightweight aluminium frame, clip it to his mountain bike and inflate its two waterproof fabric pontoons yesterday. "Pumping it up was the hardest part," he said, "but I reckon once I have worked out where to clip the float frame onto the bike it should take a lot less."

The device is driven by a propeller attached to the front wheel which also controls steering. Power comes via a flexible drive connected to the back tyre by a friction wheel. The drive is also used to run the pump for inflating the two pontoons.

David Bellamy, the environmental campaigner, enthused about the shuttle bike. "It would be ideal for environmental surveys in places inaccessible except by river. It's hard going against the current but on lakes or where you can go with the flow it would be ideal and you can always get ashore and ride the bike on tracks where a vehicle could not get. And it seems impossible to overturn, unless you got in a real panic."

☐ A mountain bike racer has become the first man to cross to the Isle of Wight from the mainland by amphibious bicycle. Paul Lazonby, 24, from High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, travelled at six knots from Lepe, Hampshire, to Cowes on his custom-built floating machine in less than 30 minutes.

MARY EVANS



An earlier amphibious device, the nautical tricycle

Amphibious experiments that sank without trace

BY GUY WALTERS

THERE have been many Heath Robinsonian inventions that have plunged into the world of the amphibian — although most have sunk under the weight of their impracticality.

Predictably, Leonardo da Vinci sketched some amphibious vehicles but these are small beer compared to his designs for the helicopter. The Victorian solution was simply to stick some wheels underneath a boat. The French were more ambitious and made many nautical tricycles, all of which look dangerously unstable.

By the 1920s, competitors at the Henley Royal Regatta were having to steer clear of many bizarre contraptions. The most daring was a wooden amphibious penny farthing, which may well have been the first "amphibike".

But it was the Germans who led the way. The lack of bridges over the rivers Ruhr and Rhine meant that many Germans were keen to get amphibian.

In 1937 Karl Hassler tricycled the 15 miles across Lake Constance in southern Germany. Unfortunately the war thwarted his attempt to cross the Channel and immediately after the war a treacherous friend, Herbert Hainlein, stole the crown to become the first to cross the Channel.



A 1962 Danish taxi was one of many failed ideas

Amphibious vehicles became even more popular in Germany after the war because the Allies had bombed most of the bridges.

The main protagonist in the world of amphibious vehicles was the late Bill Towns, who designed the Aston Martin Lagonda. He created nearly half a dozen vehicles, two of which were based on Minis and others that looked more like floating greenhouses. All worked but very few sold.

Amphibious cars have never caught on except for specialised and military use. A photograph in *The Times* picture library shows a 1967 sketch of the "world's most advanced police car, which will be capable of vast speeds on land and water". Most criminals would simply have laughed if they saw it chasing them.

In Denmark a floating car taxi service never succeeded. And in the United States a haphazard triphibian was built in the early 1970s, capable of travelling by land, sea and air. The inventor died when the wings fell off.

For a while in the 1970s amphibious motorcycles were the rage but they appear to have been replaced by jet skis. David Chapman, an authority on amphibious vehicles and the secretary of the Amphicar club, which is dedicated to a vehicle built in Germany in the 1960s, is excited by the move towards bicycles.

"There have been very few amphibious bikes," he said. "But as we are moving towards a bicycle culture away from the car, I expect that there will be many amphibious bikes to come."

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Black officers ask why bravery was not rewarded

Stewart Tendler reports on a row over police failure to recommend the George Medal for injured men

BRITAIN'S second largest police force was condemned yesterday for its failure to recommend gallantry awards for two black detectives shot during an undercover drugs investigation.

The Police Federation, which represents junior ranks, believes the officers should have qualified for the George Medal. They would have been the first black officers to receive gallantry medals.

Four years after the incident, no action has been taken. The officers, who were highly commended by a judge, now believe they are the victims of racism. They are also suing West Midlands Police for negligence, claiming that armed backup was reduced because of budget restrictions.

The two, who are in their early 30s, were working for Scotland Yard's undercover unit SO10 and had been seconded to an operation by the West Midlands Police in Handsworth, Birmingham. The officers — shot as they tried to protect each other when a gang attacked them — have since been invalided out of the police.

The men were sitting in a car when the gang struck. An officer codenamed "Philip" was shot and his colleague "Martin" was also hit when he went to his aid, after trying to signal to a backup team of local officers. Although he was wounded, Philip attempted to help Martin and was shot again.

Mike Bennett, the chairman of the Metropolitan Police branch of the federation, said yesterday that both men had launched actions for negligence. In addition to the alleged lack of backup, the men say that the force announced they were receiving treatment in hospital, although the gunman was still at large. They say there was also no police guard at the hospital.

Each force has a small board which vets possible awards for gallantry and makes recommendations to the Government. Mr Bennett said he had sat on such a board and had no doubt the men would have qualified. The awards would have been excellent recruiting advertisements for ethnic minority police officers, he said.

He said Judge Wilson-Mellor, QC, who sentenced Donovan Williams, the gunman, to 12 years, had told him that he expected his praise of the officers to be passed on for action. Mr Bennett said: "I am staggered by the attitude towards this case. If it's not racism it's the biggest case of hypocrisy you will ever come across. I would be in despair if this was a racism incident, but I must tell you that both of the officers concerned think it is."

Mr Bennett said that he had appealed in vain to Jack Straw. He had also contacted the force, and said that in a letter last year, Ted Crewe, the new Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, suggested awards would be considered. However, in another letter last month, he said there was now a "diversity of evidence" and a civil action which meant he could not currently recommend a gallantry award.

Yesterday, the force said both officers — who had been commended by the judge and the chief constable — were now suing the police. "There is now a dispute as to the factual evidence for these civil proceedings. This dispute will be resolved in due course and it would be inappropriate for us to comment any further."

JUSTIN SLEE



Graham Moore, the new Chief Constable, who is "reviewing all command team responsibilities"

Policeman may sue over demotion

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A POLICE chief's deputy who was passed over for the top job is threatening legal action after being demoted by his new boss.

Assistant Chief Constable Allan Charlesworth was the designated deputy to Keith Hellawell, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire. When Mr Hellawell left this year to become the national "drugs czar", Mr Charlesworth applied for his £100,000-a-year job but was beaten by Graham Moore, an outsider, who began a review of senior staff responsibilities. Greg Wilkinson, the Assistant Chief Constable (Personnel) was appointed the official deputy.

Yesterday Mr Charlesworth was in London taking legal advice with executives of the Chief Police Officers' Staff Association. He said: "It is being said the police authority has no confidence in me. I have no indication why. The whole thing is being done behind closed doors. I am being treated shabbily."

Neil Taggart, chairman of the West Yorkshire Police Authority, said the Chief Constable was required to consult the authority in such cases and the demotion was confirmed. Mr Charlesworth's salary, thought to be about £80,000, would be protected under a national agreement and he would continue to hold the rank of Assistant Chief Constable.

A West Yorkshire Police spokesman said: "The Chief Constable is reviewing all command team responsibilities."

No charges for chief constable of Gwent

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A SUSPENDED police chief has been told he will not face criminal charges after allegations of misconduct. Gwent Chief Constable Frank Wilkinson, 51, was suspended on full pay last October after complaints were brought by his two most senior officers.

Members of the police authority are due to meet today to discuss whether to take disciplinary action after considering the results of an inquiry supervised by the Police Complaints Authority.

Mr Wilkinson said yesterday that he was pleased that the Crown Prosecution Service had formally said there would be no criminal proceedings against him. In a statement he said: "I believed from the start that this would be the case and I hope this will help the Gwent Police Authority in reaching its conclusions."

Although Gwent police have declined to confirm details of the allegations, it is understood they concern the awarding of contracts and the handling of a speeding ticket issued to a prominent member of Monmouthshire County Council. The allegations were made by Gwent Deputy Chief Constable Richard Thomas — currently acting chief of the force — and assistant chief constable Alan McQuillan.

Gloucestershire chief constable Tony Butler was put in charge of conducting the inquiry for the Police Complaints Authority.

Father of suspect in Lawrence killing had been seen with officer

BY LIN JENKINS

A DETECTIVE faced an internal investigation after being seen in the company of a criminal who was the father of a prime suspect for the murder of Stephen Lawrence.

Customs and Excise officials running an undercover operation reported Detective Sergeant David Coles to the Metropolitan Police's Complaints Investigation Bureau after seeing him meeting Clifford Norris. The judicial inquiry into events surrounding the murder of the black student has already heard allegations that the inquiry was hampered by a link between Clifford Norris and an officer in the murder investigation squad.

Norris, who is serving 8½ years for drug and firearms offences, was described as a "dangerous and frightening" individual who had had an Uzi submachine gun and silencer at his home when he was arrested.

Edmund Lawson, QC to the inquiry, said the complaint had been made after customs officers saw Detective Sergeant Coles three times in the company of Norris in 1988. In May the following year he had faced a disciplinary hearing.

"The officer was investigated concerning contact with Norris but no disciplinary proceedings were brought. During this it became revealed that the officer had falsely claimed to be at the Old Bailey on a day when he was off on business of his own."

The officer in charge of the Lawrence murder inquiry in April 1993, Detective Chief Superintendent Ian Crampton, had been Detective Sergeant Coles's senior officer at Bexleyheath, southeast London, and had provided a character reference for the disciplinary hearing. Detective Sergeant Coles was disciplined for the falsehood, for using cars he should not have used and for going to a pub.

Mr Crampton yesterday denied knowing that the hearing had arisen from a complaint associated with Norris. He said he was not aware of the disciplinary matters "in their entirety".

"I did not know at the time he had any involvement with Norris." He added that he had only had a vague idea who Norris was at the time of the murder but conceded that he would have known that the family was notorious.

Earlier in his evidence Mr Crampton said that he had he never linked David Norris to his father, Clifford, when a number of informants had named David as a culprit in the Lawrence stabbing within 48 hours of the murder.

The inquiry continues.

☐ The five men arrested but never convicted over the Lawrence murder — David Norris, the brothers Neil and Jamie Acourt, Luke Knight and Gary Dobson — are to seek a judicial review of the decision of Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, the inquiry's chairman, to summon them to give evidence. Their lawyers are to ask the High Court for leave to apply for the judicial review.



Lawrence: inquiry into his death "hampered"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Body parts artist to be free in week

Anthony-Noel Kelly, jailed for nine months for the theft of human remains from the Royal College of Surgeons, will probably be released from prison in about a week after the Court of Appeal reduced his sentence.

Kelly, 42, from Clapham, South London, lost his appeal against conviction but had his sentence cut to three months. Kelly, who used the body parts for sculptures, has served six weeks and should get remission. Niel Lindsay, his co-accused, had his suspended sentence reduced.

Firearms charges

Maurice Scott, 68, of Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, who was questioned by police hunting the so-called Mardi Gra bomber, admitted firearms charges before magistrates at Uxbridge, West London. He will be sentenced later.

Survey on sex

Britain has the world's highest rate of unmarried teenage mothers, a survey by the Alan Guttmacher Institute of New York says. Of the 41,700 children born to 15 to 19-year-old women in Britain, 87 per cent were outside marriage.

Bird man freed

An unemployed man was given a conditional discharge after being convicted of illegal possession of birds eggs. John Dodsworth, 39, of South Shields, had 193 rare specimens, from golden eagles and crossbills to snow buntings.

Titanic sale

The last messages sent from the *Titanic* before she sank were sold for £11,500, six times the estimate, at auction in London. The hand-written notes of 12 telegrams received by the *Virginian* were bought by Ralph Jarson, of London.

Spirits seized

A 71-year-old man and his wife were arrested after customs officers seized an illicit still in a raid in Washwood Heath, Birmingham. Five five-gallon drums and 120 bottles of a clear, high-strength spirit were found.

Big Picture wins

Douglas Kennedy's novel *The Big Picture*, published by Little, Brown, has won the WH Smith Thumping Good Read Award. The prize aims to recognise books that are "unputdownable" and is worth £5,000.

CORRECTION

The hover cover unveiled at Lord's (report, May 13) was not designed by the late Don Kenyon, the Worcestershire and England batsman, but by Donald Kenyon of Stuart Canvas Products. We apologise for the error.

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Blair told to be tough on energy use

Europe fears the US is doing nothing about global warming, reports **Nick Nuttall**

THE United States and Europe are likely to clash at the Group of Eight summit in Birmingham because of growing alarm that America is backsliding on agreements over fighting global warming and curbing energy use.

Ministers and environmentalists yesterday urged Tony Blair to show the same toughness on the issue that he displayed at the G8 in Denver last year. The Prime Minister's firm stand and close relationship with President Clinton is believed to have played an important part in securing the Kyoto agreement in December, when rich countries agreed, for the first time, to cut carbon dioxide emissions to avert climate change.

John Gummer, the former Environment Secretary, speaking at a meeting of MPs in London, said yesterday that Mr Clinton had since slid into "gesture politics" in the face of stiff opposition from a right-wing Senate and Congress, who argue that fighting pollution and cutting energy use will damage the US economy. Europe, by contrast, sees job and business opportunities in curbing energy use. "The fact is President Clinton has done nothing but just talk about voluntary systems for tackling global warming like those which failed under the Bush administration," he said.

In Kyoto it was agreed that rich countries could offset some of their pollution by carrying out tree-planting and clean energy schemes in the developing world or by "trading" emissions reductions achieved by other nations. The rules for such schemes will be finalised in Buenos Aires later in the year.

But Philip Clapp, president of the National Environmental Trust of America, who is attending the weekend summit, said yesterday that the White House was ready to offset all its domestic emissions by cheap trading schemes overseas, in defiance of the European position, which argues most of the cuts should be at home.

Russia, where emissions have fallen since the collapse of heavy industry, is keen to trade those paper reductions with America, Japan and Canada. It has calcuated it could earn £1.25 billion to £5 billion a year selling the unused portion of its greenhouse gas emissions quota.

Mr Capp said Mr Blair needed to make it clear to other leaders that this was unacceptable. "There's a lot of talk and no action. The US is sending a signal that the Clinton Administration has no intention of getting any reductions. It has not proposed one domestic measure since Kyoto to reduce carbon dioxide in any fashion."

One of the biggest arguments centres on the responsibilities of the rich countries towards the poorer and developing nations such as China and India, who fear a brake on their economies.

A novel scheme devised by a former violinst with the London Philharmonic will be put to the G8 heads to resolve those divisions. It has won support from Mr Gummer and other MPs. Using a computer he bought by selling his violin, Aubrey Meyer, 51, who heads the Global Commons Institute, argues that everyone on the planet should have a carbon budget reflecting how much they can pollute without harming the climate. Such a scheme, he says, would more than halve global carbon emissions by 2100.

The other key in the Meyer equation, unveiled to MPs at the Commons yesterday, is that rich countries have enjoyed the fruits of unfettered industrial growth and must cut emissions now. But poor countries should be allowed to expand and increase carbon emissions until about 2010. Then they must join battle to reduce emissions.

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Britain to kickstart campaign against malaria

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN is preparing to lead a new international campaign to cut the toll of malaria.

The campaign will be discussed at the meeting later this week when the Government is expected to promise a contribution of tens of millions of pounds.

The aim, outlined on Wednesday by the new Director-General of the World Health Organisation, Gro Harlem Brundtland, is to halve the death toll from malaria by 2010. At present the disease kills more than a million people every year.

Dr Brundtland, a former Norwegian Labour Party leader and Prime Minister, was elected to head WHO on a reform ticket.

The agency has been accused of lacking urgency and direction, which she promised to restore. She also undertook to tackle the problems of tobacco worldwide, and to "roll back" malaria.

The plan does not depend on any new techniques, but on better use of existing ones — mosquito nets, drugs, and control of the mosquitoes which spread the parasite responsible for the disease.

David Nabarro, a senior adviser to the Department of International Development, said that he was excited by the initiative and believed it was feasible. It would involve co-operation with drug companies to develop vaccines, with health ministries in affected countries, and with the World Bank.

A spokeswoman for the Washington-based Malaria Project, a spin-off from Ralph Nader's Centre for the Study of Responsive Law, warned that the US Government was cutting back rather than increasing its spending on malaria. The US spends $55 million a year (£40 million) on malaria, far more than anybody else, said Vivienne Hoffman, but this was only half as much as was being spent in the 1980s.

She hoped that the strong British involvement would oblige President Clinton to increase the US contribution.

First Wives' Club ready for night out

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

AS THE world's leaders converge on Birmingham, one issue is consuming managers of the city's nightspots: which would be chosen to play host to the First Wives' Club?

Cherie Blair has declared that the leaders' wives will sample the British tradition of a ladies' night out. The American magazine *Newsweek* describes Birmingham as "Britain's most uncool city" but tonight Mrs Blair is determined to sample some of its night life with Bernadette Chirac, Aline Chrétien, Flavia Prodi, Kumiko Hashimoto, Naina Yeltsin and Hillary Clinton.

Their exact destination was last night being treated as a state secret, plans for the "hen night" have been in motion for several days. The women have ruled out going for a balti curry, a culinary speciality for which Birmingham is famous. Locals insisted that the party should be heading to Ronnie Scott's club in Broad Street where Kid Creole and the Coconuts are topping the bill tonight (a dining table place costs £20.50 plus the meal). However, the nightclub Bobby Brown's was considered to be a more suitable location if the women felt like dancing. The club specialises in catering for the over-25s.

There was no shortage of takers offering their advice to help the First Ladies to get the best from the city. Karen Blackhurst, 24, a hotel worker from Edgbaston, said: "If they want a proper Birmingham night out, they want to be going to the Fiddle and Bone pub for their early drinks, then on to Liberty's nightclub which is great for copping off. We usually finish off with a late-night curry."

Theatre and formal dining seemed to be rather more likely choices. In recent years Birmingham has taken a great deal of pride in re-inventing itself as a cosmopolitan city. Where there were once cheap carpet shops and run-down pubs, there are now endless wine bars serving food from around the globe.

Mrs Blair is understood to have other treats in store for the women tomorrow while their husbands watch the FA Cup final. It is believed that some will visit Stratford-upon-Avon, and a train trip is thought to have been organised to take the women to Chequers, the Prime Minister's official country residence in Buckinghamshire.

Manicurists and hair stylists from Birmingham's House of Fraser department store, Rackhams, will be on board the train on the return journey to Birmingham.



A contractor spraying the grass with green dye along the A45 yesterday. The turf was relaid a month ago after roadworks but became bare

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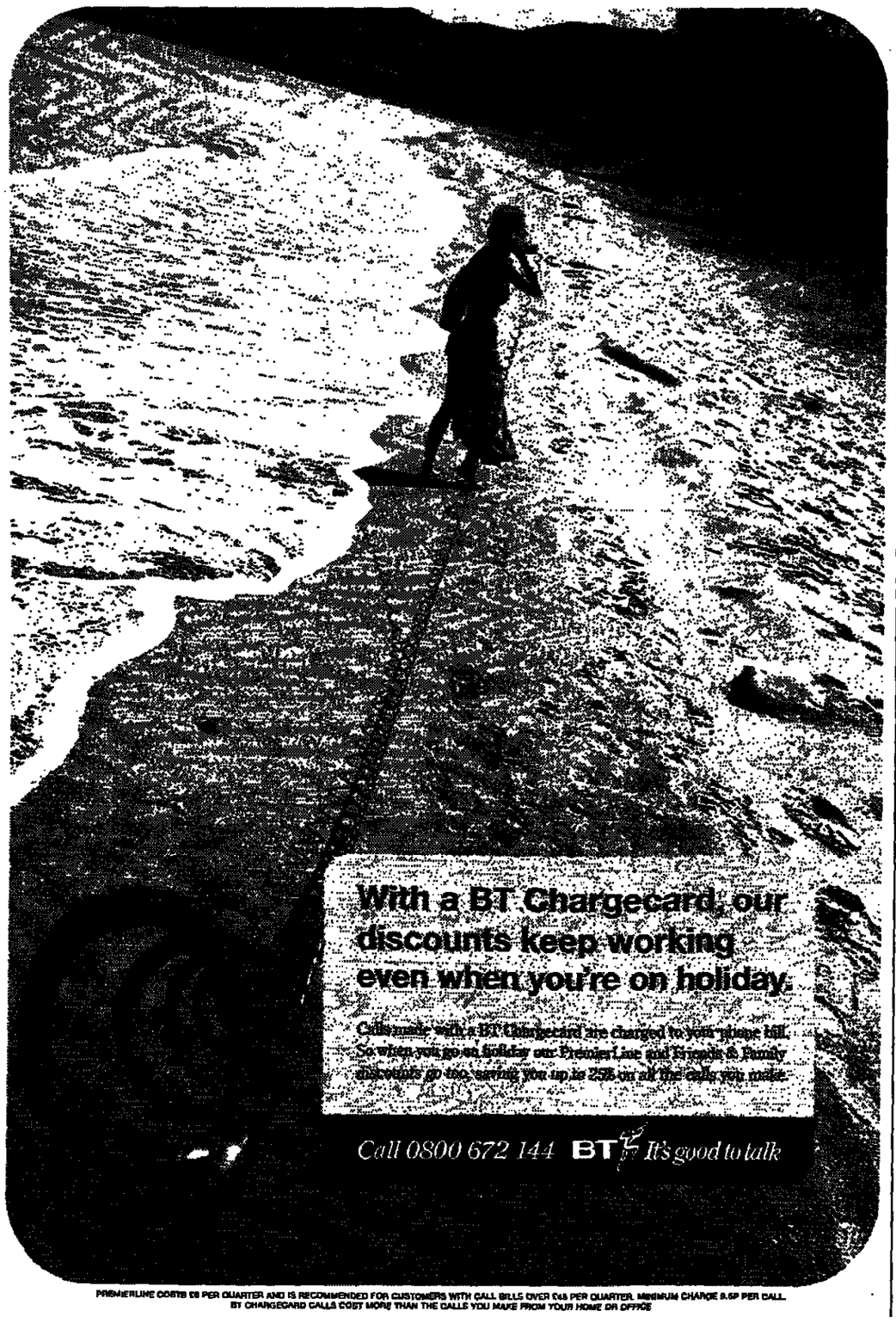
Greener grass verges on the ridiculous

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

IN Birmingham the grass is greener on the sides of the roads where the eyes of the world's most powerful men might alight. In the last hours before the arrival of Tony Blair, President Clinton *et al*, council workmen were desperately spraying a stretch of bare turf with green dye. The less than grassy knoll lies beside the A45, along which the leaders' motorcades will sweep from the airport to their city centre hotels. The turf was relaid a month ago after roadworks, but a whole swathe withered away and drastic action was deemed necessary.

"After the work was completed, a firm of contractors arranged for turfs to be put down, but it seems the grass on a particularly high bank didn't take and started to die," a council spokesman said. "It was only noticed how yellow it was looking last week, and with the visit of the G8 leaders it was clear that something had to be done. As a last resort sub-contractors were sent on Wednesday to spray a 200-metre area with a mulch dye that turned the grass green."

The spokesman said that the council would not have to pay because it was the responsibility of the contractors to lay the grass. But there was disbelief among local residents yesterday. "It is like something out of a Carry On film. I am only surprised they haven't called in a hypnotist to encourage the grass to grow faster," said Gillian McIntyre, who lives by the road.



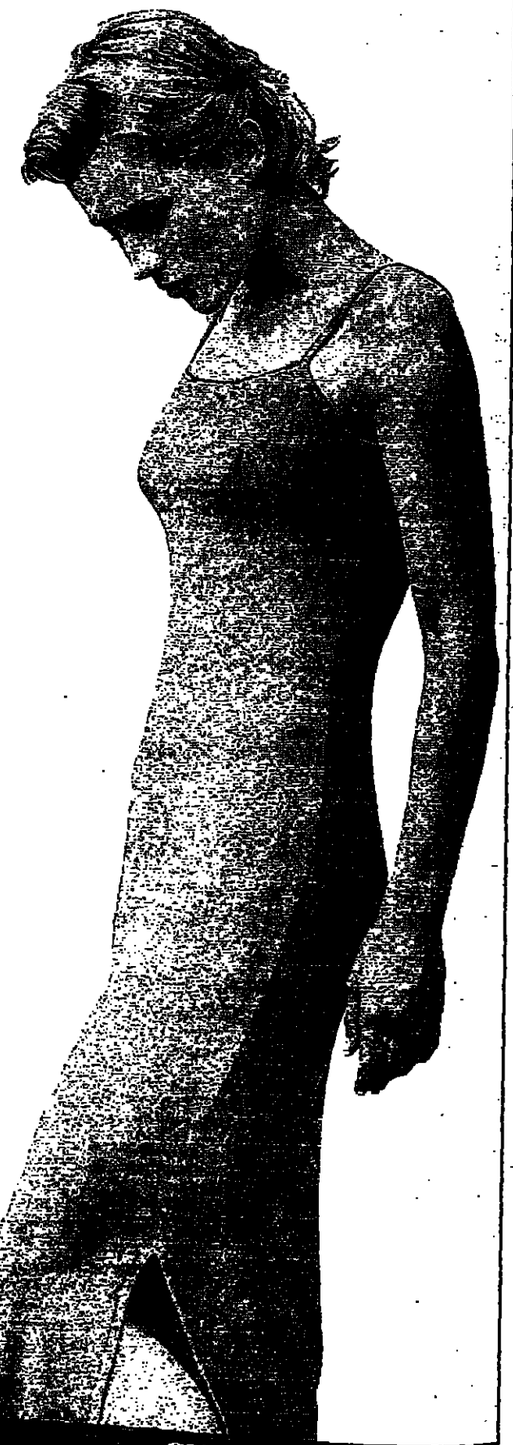
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By Paul [illegible]

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Chief diplomat flounders under heat from MPs

Nicholas Watt on Sir John Kerr's account of the Sierra Leone affair

SIR JOHN KERR is one of Whitehall's most accomplished performers and revels in political debate. But when he appeared before a committee of MPs yesterday the Foreign Office Permanent Secretary floundered and fidgeted as he tried to answer a barrage of hostile questions.

Hunched over the narrow desk that faces the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, Sir John got off to a poor start when he admitted that he could not remember exactly when he was first informed of the allegations of British arms shipments to Sierra Leone. Asked by Donald Anderson, the Labour chairman of the committee, when he first personally knew, Sir John said: "I frankly do not know."

For the rest of his 90-minute appearance MPs expressed astonishment as Sir John, who was armed with a sheaf of documents, stuttered through the rest of his answers.

It was left to Ted Rowlands (Lab, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney), who served as a Foreign Office Minister in the 1970s, to tackle him on the key question of whether Tony Lloyd, the Foreign Office Minister of State, had been informed about the Customs and Excise investigation before a Commons debate on Sierra Leone in March.

A weary-looking Sir John paused before replying slowly: "I think it did. But I think it did in a not particularly prominent way." MPs seized on his response because last week Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, accused officials of "unsatisfactory" conduct for failing to tell Mr Lloyd about the inquiry before the Commons debate on March 12.

Alarmed by the intensity of questions, Sir John then qualified his comments to make clear that he was not at odds with Mr Cook. He said the briefing had concentrated on rejecting allegations that Peter Penfold, Britain's High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, had held a meeting with President Kabbah and Sandline International, the company that supplied mercenaries to restore him to power in March.

When David Heath (Lib Dem, Somerton and Frome) returned to the infamous briefing, Sir John tried a new tack. Asked whether the briefing had contained information about the Customs investigation, Sir John said: "It is possible that I am mistaken . . . I think myself that the briefing will have contained news that there is an allegation of sanctions-busting by Sandline. I cannot be sure whether it would have said that it had been passed to Customs and Excise."

Four hours later, after mulling over his uncomfortable performance, Sir John decided that his officials had not informed Mr Lloyd about the customs investigation. In a letter to Mr Anderson, which was sent just after 3pm, Sir John said: "Following your committee's hearing this morning, I have checked my memory of the briefing pack prepared for Mr Lloyd's use in the debate on 12 March. It mentions reports about a possible deal by President Kabbah for Sandline's services. But it does not mention arms shipments; and, as I thought, it does not say that one such report had been already been passed to Customs and Excise."

Sir John wasted little time in sending the letter because reports had already appeared saying that the Foreign Office's most senior diplomat had contradicted the Foreign Secretary.

During the committee hearing Sir John confirmed that his officials first informed customs officers of the allegations of arms smuggling in February. When MPs expressed astonishment that neither Sir John nor Mr Cook was informed at the time, the Permanent Secretary said this was quite right because claims of sanction-busting were so routine they were dealt with at "desk level".

Towards the end of his appearance Sir John looked relieved as Donald Anderson, the Labour chairman, reminded MPs that proceedings would have to halt at 11.10am to allow the Permanent Secretary to attend a prior engagement. But in the final minutes Andrew Mackinlay (Lab, Thurrock) said it was incredible that Sir John did not wake up to the affair after newspapers first made allegations about Sandline in March. "The same thing happened in August 1914. The Archduke was shot and Lord Grey did not know. Has nothing changed over the century?"

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Sir John Kerr struggling to answer questions from the committee yesterday

Crossbenchers attack plan for Lords reform

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

A POWERFUL group of crossbench peers declared their strong opposition yesterday to the Government's plans to reform the House of Lords.

An unprecedented mass meeting of the independent peers at Westminster overwhelmingly rejected the Government's decision to remove hereditary peers without reforming the rest of the Lords at the same time. They favour the "big bang" method of reforming the House in one move.

The crossbenchers represent a substantial threat to Labour's plans, which will need the support of the 323-strong group if it is to succeed. The Tories have already threatened to do all they can to block the reforms. Many crossbenchers feel equally strongly and are threatening to vote against the Government's first stage Bill to scrap the sitting and voting rights of hereditary peers when it is introduced this autumn.

A report drawn up by a committee of senior crossbenchers outlining their opposition to Labour's reforms was backed almost unanimously by a meeting of more than 70 crossbenchers in the Lords on Wednesday. A further 86 wrote to the committee, most of whom backed the line. Only a handful opposed the report.

Crossbenchers — 118 life and 205 hereditary peers — rarely operate as a group and this is the first collective contribution to the debate over reform from their benches. The report, given to Lord Richard, Leader of the Lords, accepts reform in principle but insists that it should happen in a single move. It recognises "the strength of the case for a substantial reform" of the Lords and that "in this new second chamber there will be no automatic seats for all peers by succession".

But it adds: "We consider that this constitutional reform would be best carried out by comprehensive legislation establishing a new second chamber containing a strong independent element. We see no sufficient justification for a measure which merely abolishes the participation of hereditary peers before the composition of the new second chamber has been determined."

Puttnam calls for honours revamp

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL EDITOR


Puttnam: accused Labour of naivety

THE film-maker and Labour peer Lord Puttnam called yesterday for a more open honours system, saying that it was time to move away from the "nod and wink" society.

He told the Neill inquiry into party funding that the public should be reassured that honours were granted in recognition of significant public service, not in return for donations to political parties. The "fundamental criteria" should be made known.

He said outside the inquiry that he had given £25,000 to the Labour Party in 1996 and had been a member of its 1,000 club, set up to raise funds. But he emphasised that he was now working so hard as a peer that he was having to give up his film career. His working day was dominated by duties in the Lords and at the Department for Education and Employment, where he is chairing a taskforce on the morale of teachers.

Lord Puttnam was insistent that reform must be made to party funding. He believed all individual donations should be limited to £5,000 in the lifetime of a Parliament — usually five years — and that any donation over £2,500 should be made public. In return he believed that the State should give more money to the opposition parties so that they could fund research.

"The caveat on all of this is a proper funding system for the party in opposition, as well as the party in power in terms of its policy development role. We must allow sufficient resources for a proper, professional job."

He described the controversy over the £1 million donation by Bernie Ecclestone, the chief of Formala One, and the Government U-turn on tobacco sponsorship as "extraordinarily clumsy" and suggested that Labour had been naive in some of its fundraising efforts. The party might have benefited from "a little more wisdom, a little more grey hair" when considering such matters.

Labour challenged on state pension

BY POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Tories adopted a policy yesterday of ruling out means-testing of the basic state pension during the next Parliament and challenged the Government to do the same.

The commitment, one of the first by the party since its general election defeat, was announced after the Government delayed publication of its proposed pension reforms until the autumn. A Green Paper by John Denham, the Pensions Minister, was due out next month but it was not radical enough for Tony Blair.

Labour's election manifesto ruled out means testing the basic state pension but the promise has not been extended beyond the next election.

Yesterday Iain Duncan Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, announced the Tory commitment, saying that Labour would not be able to match it because of the desire of Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, to guarantee a minimum income for pensioners. He said that this would require a means test to ensure funds went to the poorest.

"If Labour means-test the state pension, it will represent another broken contract with the people who put their trust in Labour last year," Mr Duncan Smith said.

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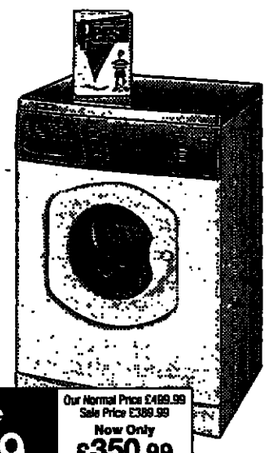
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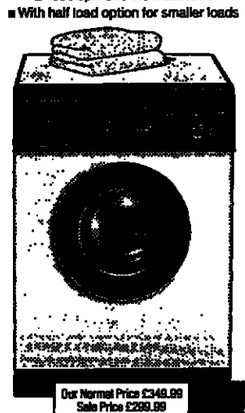
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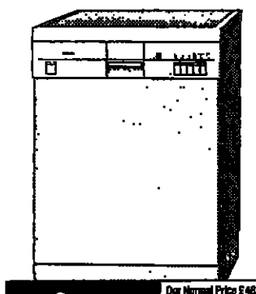
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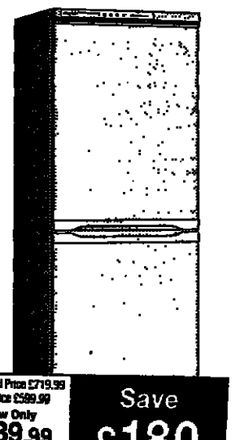
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Goldmines 'part of Sandline deal'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

SANDLINE'S arms shipments to Sierra Leone were part of an extraordinary deal in which the country's ousted President promised to reward a fugitive Indian financier for bankrolling a counter-coup by giving him diamond and goldmines, according to the man who drafted the contract.

President Kabbah signed a contract while in exile with Rakesh Saxena, now in jail in Canada, promising mineral-rich mining concessions worth a minimum of $150 million (£90 million) in return for $6 million of assistance in restoring him to power. The contract was drafted and negotiated by Les Hammond, Mr Saxena's second-in-command, who worked for the financier for six years until the two fell out in March.

Mr Hammond, who worked for about 80 Saxena companies, is now on bail in Canada on obstruction of justice charges. "From our perspective, we were restoring the legitimately elected Government back into power in return for a concession — a gold and diamond concession — to come from the Government," Mr Hammond said. "There was a contract with a schedule attached to it indicating the geographical co-ordinates for the concession. We said, 'we will help to put you back into power, but for that we expect something in return'. They signed it. There was a lot of to-ing and fro-ing, and they significantly cut down the list of concessions."

Mr Hammond said he had no direct knowledge of British government approval of the counter-coup mounted by Sandline at Mr Saxena's request, although he said Michael Grunberg of Sandline had claimed during a trip to Vancouver that the British, American and Canadian governments had all given authorisation.

The contract had its origins in conversations between Mr Hammond and exiled ministers in London after the coup last May. "They were short of cash," Mr Hammond recalled. "We offered assistance and the conversation grew to not just helping ministers and their families but to helping to restore the Government."

After the preliminary contacts in London, Mr Hammond met President Kabbah in New York. At Mr Saxena's request, Sandline presented four options, ranging in price from $12 million to $80 million.

Mr Hammond said that Mr Saxena did not pay the full $6 million that was promised under the contract before the Nigerian-led West African peacekeeping force restored the ousted Government to power, and forecast that President Kabbah would not hand over the mining concessions.

Steel backs mercenaries

LORD STEEL, the former Liberal leader, last night supported the mercenaries who helped to restore the democratic Government of Sierra Leone (Nicholas Wood writes). In a statement to *The Times*, he said if Western governments would not act to defend human rights in far-flung places they could not complain when private military companies were called in to fill the vacuum.

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REUTERS



Fred the Fijian mans a helicopter gun in the skies over Sierra Leone

Soldiers for hire prove their worth in African bush

Sam Kiley in Freetown writes of the dogs of war keeping a leader in seat of power

Fred the Fijian, Juba the nervy chopper pilot, his perpetually hungover co-pilot Neil, and the Silent Ethiopian sit around a villa on the outskirts of Freetown waiting for the scramble order from their Nigerian masters.

The team of mercenaries working for British-run Sandline International, looks and sounds like the cast from a Hunter Thompson hallucination. But with decades of combat experience between them as "legitimate" soldiers and as dogs of war, the group has been worth hundreds of men to the West African peacekeeping force which restored President Kabbah to power in March.

"They're unbelievable, unkillable," gushed a Nigerian major back recently from the front line fighting against the deposed junta which has been laying waste to villages.

Fred, 57, spent 22 years serving with the Special Air Service based in Hereford, before "going freelance". A jungle warfare specialist, like most of Sandline's soldiers of fortune, he first came to Sierra Leone in 1995. Then he was part of a contract between the then government of Captain Valentine Strasser, better known for his disco-dancing than military knowhow, and Executive Outcomes, a South African mercenary company.

Fred now spends his free time advising and training the pro-Kabbah militia of Kamajor traditional hunters. "They're the backbone of any chance we have of beating off the junta and tracking them down. They know the bush; are very, very loyal, and have some magic that is every powerful," said the grey-haired Fijian who spent the last two weeks touring Sierra Leone's interior badlands with Chief Hinge Norman, leader of the hunters and the Deputy Defence Minister.

Weapons imported from Bulgaria to Freetown by Sandline, in a deal which Customs believe breached the United Nations arms embargo imposed on Sierra Leone when President Kabbah was deposed in May last year, were intended to be used by the hunters.

But the Nigerian force commander, acting under orders from President Kabbah, has kept the armaments under armed guard at Lungi airport, 20 miles from Freetown, unused. The 600 AK47 rifles, 30 light machineguns, 36 rocket-propelled grenade launchers and nearly a million rounds of ammunition remain in their sealed boxes in a Customs warehouse.

"The arms we shipped in have not been distributed to the Kamajors or any one else. The President decided he didn't want any more extra weapons sloshing around the country," said Fred, obviously frustrated that Kamajors he has trained are going to have to struggle on with single-barrel guns as they hunt down the former members of the junta.

Juba, a South African veteran of Pretoria's wars with its neighbours, served with Executive Outcomes in Angola. Short, sandy haired, and nervy when away from his beloved "Bokkie", a Russian-built MI-17 helicopter, Juba will only settle down when he is strapped into the cockpit of an aircraft.

He played a vital part in the battle for Freetown in February which returned Mr Kabbah to power. Flying 15-hour days, he ferried hundreds of Nigerian troops into the capital, and removed their wounded, including their commander, Colonel (now Brigadier) Khobe, under fire.

"We call him the man who will not die," said a member of Brigadier Khobe's staff. "None of us can understand how come he never got shot, not even wounded. The junta wanted his chopper down at all costs and shot at it constantly."

In early March Juba briefed British helicopter pilots from *HMS Cornwall* before they flew relief supplies into Sierra Leone. He warned them against a threat of Sam-7 missiles, which forced the British pilots to copy his technique of flying at nearly 400mph, just above the ground.

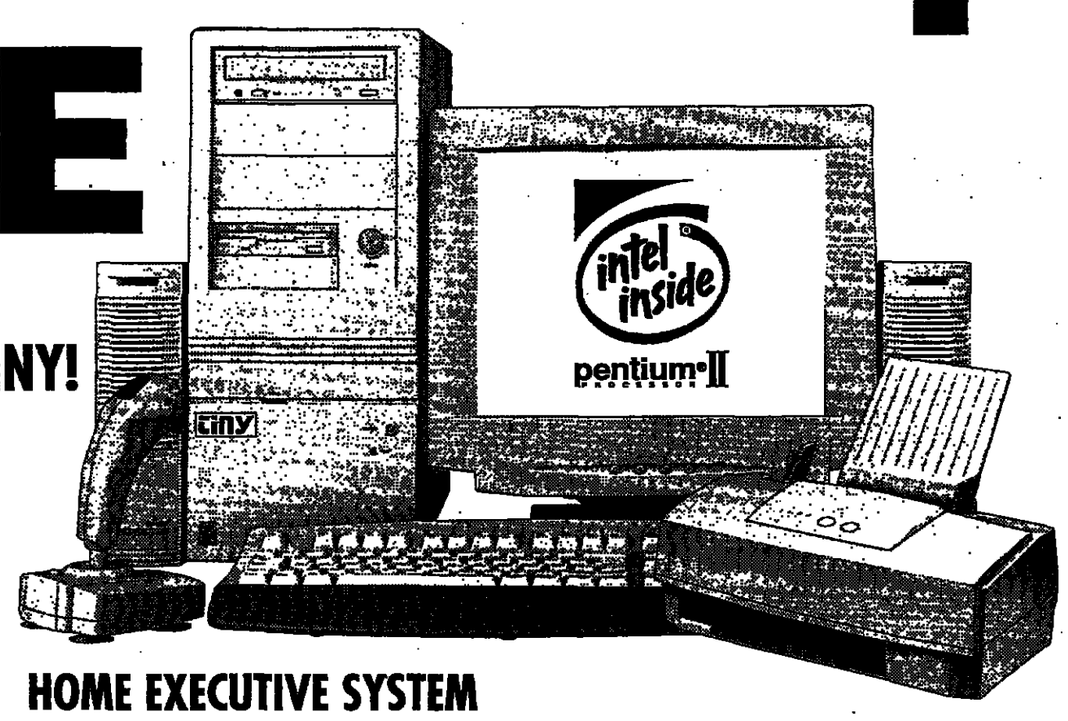
"I call it mowing the lawn," said Juba, who will today start his last 100 hours on contract to the Nigerian Army with sorties into the hostile bush where junta fighters have been killing and maiming civilians.

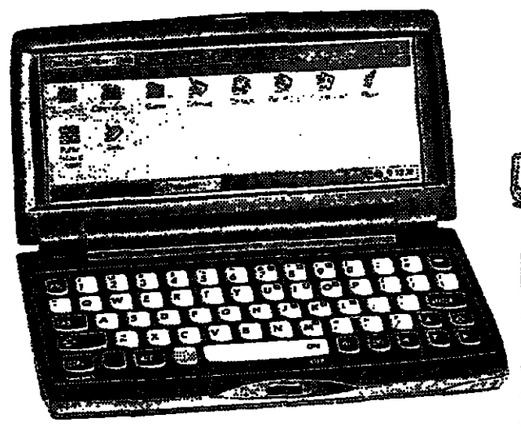
Originally planned to be part of a much larger force of up to 60 men, including special forces, jungle specialists and other "hit squads", the Sandline team is all that remains of a contract which was supposed to be worth $10 million (£6 million), but after President Kabbah's backers ran into financial problems, shrank to just $1.6 million.

Their only combat engagement came in late February when 12 men (mostly South Africans but including at least two British mercenaries) were flown, by Juba, to Bumbuna.

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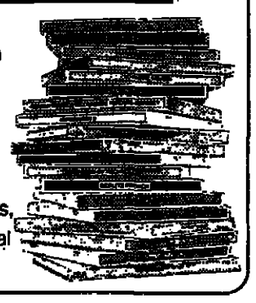
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US senator offers Castro a $100m 'poisoned chalice'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

JESSE HELMS, the powerful Republican senator who appears to have made the downfall of President Castro of Cuba his life's ambition, yesterday offered the Communist leader a deliberately poisoned chalice of legislation that would provide $100 million in much-needed US humanitarian aid for his island.

The architect of the Helms-Burton Act two years ago, a measure designed to stifle foreign investment in Cuba, Mr Helms is now targeting the heart of Cuban suffering in a Bill that would channel US government aid to Cuba over four years through groups such as the Roman Catholic Church and Caritas, its relief organisation.

Drawing on the success of the Pope's visit to Cuba earlier this year, Mr Helms, chairman of the foreign relations committee, is hoping the new legislation will strengthen independent institutions at the expense of the Communist regime. The Bill is consciously named Solidaridad, after the Polish Solidarity movement.

"It puts Castro in a Catch-22," said Marc Thiessen, the committee's spokesman. "If he says yes to the aid it will strengthen institutions such as the Church and help to build a civil society in Cuba. If he doesn't want the aid, then 11 million Cubans will know that the United States offered $100 million to relieve their suffering and Castro said no. He's damned if he does and damned if he doesn't."

The proposal was first suggested in January by the Cuban American National Foundation, the most vociferous of Cuban exile groups in America, and found immediate support from Senator Helms. At the time Señor Castro criticised such attempts as a further effort by Americans who "daily stick ever deeper the killer knife to impede our social and economic development".

Before the Helms announcement yesterday, the Cuban leader, in Geneva for a meeting of the World Health Organisation (WHO), lashed out at the long-standing American embargo, accusing the United States of employing genocidal tactics to make his country bend to its will, and held up Cuba's social security system as an example for the world. Cuba has low infant mortality, more doctors per capita than any other country, and reached WHO's life expectancy target of 75 in 1983, 17 years ahead of schedule.

"[All this] in spite of the cruel blockade we have been suffering for nearly 40 years, in spite of being a poor country of the Third World," Señor Castro said. "The effort to carry out genocide against our people made us multiply our efforts and our desire to survive," he said.

JAN BAUER / AP



Colonel Gail Halvorsen, the candy bomber, at yesterday's anniversary

Americans hijack credit for airlift that fed Berliners

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday made the Berlin Airlift as American as apple pie. Britain, which jointly planned and carried out the blockade-busting operation, barely rated a mention.

US veteran pilots clapped their hands enthusiastically as the President described the airlift as a "cargo of hope" and a "message of freedom". An American transporter plane was formally named the *Spirit Of Berlin*. 7,000 Berliners waved American flags, and the 77-year-old pilot, Colonel Gail Halvorsen, flyer of the "Candy Bomber" that dropped chocolate bars over West Berlin in 1948-49, was celebrated as the hero of the day. The German Army Big Band played *In The Mood*, the favourite song of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and his wife. President Clinton was presented with yet another saxophone. Girls in short skirts shrieked: "Bill, Bill!"

It was probably inevitable that the Americans would hijack the airlift anniversary, if only because President Clinton arrived ahead of time. He was in Berlin's Tempelhof Airport yesterday on the distinctly unround *49th anniversary of the end* of the airlift. The 50th anniversary of the start of the airlift begins only in June: it is expected that the Defence Secretary, George Robertson, will attend.

Herr Kohl, by contrast, was scrupulous yesterday about honouring the 'Western allies', and all those — British and Germans as well as Americans — who died bringing in the fuel and food which kept West Berlin alive during the Soviet blockade.

Fifty-five-year-old Michael Karitter remembers the Hershey bars floating to earth on parachutes made of handkerchiefs and he remains, in common with many Berliners, pro-American. "You could not get chocolate anywhere. When it came down it was as hard as stone but it was magic."

British troops may join Albania force

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO is considering the possibility of sending several thousand troops to Albania to monitor the border with the Yugoslav province of Kosovo.

Javier Solana, Nato Secretary-General, was in London yesterday to discuss with Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, whether Britain would be prepared to contribute troops to the new force.

Although the planning is at a tentative stage, the growing violence in Kosovo and the risk of fighting spilling over into neighbouring countries have impressed on Nato the need to consider deploying a sizeable force to guard the Albanian frontier.

A team from Nato's military headquarters at Mons in Belgium has just returned from a visit to Albania and planning will begin once it has reported its findings.

Italy, which was involved in last year's discredited multinational Operation Alba to back up the Government in Albania, has said it is willing to play a part in the new border-monitoring force.

Senior Nato sources emphasised that there were increasing concerns over the threat of a wider conflict in the region if steps were not taken to bolster defences.

Last month Fatos Nano, the Albanian Prime Minister, appealed to Nato to send troops, in a letter to Lamberto Dini, the Italian Foreign Minister, after a number of border incidents.

The Nato sources said there was no intention of getting involved in Kosovo itself, but that it might be necessary to have alliance troops in Albania. There are already plans to hold a substantial exercise in Albania this summer.

The one fear facing Nato is that, if it sends too small a force, it will be incapable of carrying out an effective job along a border which is notoriously difficult to guard. It is also an area where Nato has no experience, and with no recognisable Albanian army to provide back-up the alliance would have to be self-sufficient. It is for these reasons that the Nato Military Committee is expected to recommend a force of between 10,000 and 20,000 in any contingency planning. Britain is likely to participate in any Albanian operation, because the initiative for considering a force to monitor the border with Kosovo came partly from the British Government.

Britain has 5,200 troops committed in Bosnia and Croatia and these force levels are unlikely to be cut when Nato's Stabilisation Force is replaced with a new mandate in July.

Britain turned down the chance of joining Operation Alba, which consisted of Italian, Greek and French troops, because of heavy commitments elsewhere. With the alliance now increasingly worried by the deteriorating situation in Kosovo, it seems likely that Britain will agree to take part this time.

WORLD SUMMARY

Blaze ship 'had earlier problems'

Sydney: *HMAS Westralia*, the Australian naval ship on which four people died last week, was regarded by its former British crew as a "lemon" that had been sold to Australia because it suffered from mechanical problems, the offical inquiry into the disaster heard yesterday (Rachel Bridge writes).

Lieutenant-Commander William Triffitt told the inquiry that British engineers who served on the vessel before it was sold by the Royal Navy told him last year that they could not believe the ship was still in service. The inquiry is expected to last two weeks.

Mother held 'for selling $10 baby'

Jacksonville: An American mother was accused of selling her daughter for $10 (£6.25), then calling police for a background check on the couple who bought her. Diana Sparks, 40, hung up when her request was turned down, but was traced and arrested on charges of selling her child. The girl, aged two, was retrieved from the couple, who denied paying for her. *(AP)*

Clerics sue over satire of Pope

Paris: Catholic church leaders in France are suing a satirical magazine, *Infos du Monde*, over an advertising poster declaring that the Pope is a bigamist (Ben Macintyre writes). The decision by the bishops' association *Croyances et Libértes* (Beliefs and Freedoms) has been variously greeted as a necessary defence of religious beliefs and a sense-of-humour failure.

Campaigner for Everglades dies

Miami: Marjory Stoneman Douglas, an environmentalist and authority on the Florida Everglades ecosystem, has died at 108. In 1947 she helped to lead a successful campaign to have nearly 1.6 million acres designated as the Everglades National Park. Until then the area was considered a wasteland to be used for farming. *(AP)*

History is made by baby koala

Sydney: A baby koala made history as the first koala to be born after artificial insemination (Rachel Bridge writes). It is the climax of a four-year collaboration between Queensland University and the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Brisbane to save the species from extinction.

Copycat heroes take their bow

Chicago: The Passenger Vessel Association has urged passengers not to climb ships' bow railings like Leonardo DiCaprio did. Several people on US vessels have tried to mimic the scene in *Titanic*. A Lake Michigan cruise operator has told crews to watch for copycats. *(Reuters)*

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Youths carry away goods plundered from supermarkets in central Jakarta yesterday after setting vehicles ablaze in the worst day of unchecked lawlessness in decades

Looters plunder stores as Jakarta burns



David Watts watches the pillaging mobs target ethnic Chinese shops during a day of hate and terror on the streets

JAKARTA looked as though it was under aerial assault yesterday, with plumes of oily black smoke blotting the horizon in every direction.

Eight great banks of smoke climbed into the sky particularly in the west of the city, each one marking the site of blazing rows of Chinese-owned businesses.

Most of these are in the newer areas of the capital developed with the wealth the Chinese create as the merchant and entrepreneur class of Indonesia, a country of 200 million.

Piles of tyres were on fire and here and there a lorry was blazing. Cars were overturned and aflame as thousands of students and young farm workers took their revenge on the Government.

By mid-afternoon there was scarcely an area of the city which was unaffected, and rioters were raiding a police station. Police fired teargas canisters from helicopters in an attempt to stop the attack which was on one of the local headquarters of the hated mobile police, who race round, armed with rifles or pistols, picking off random targets. Twenty people were missing last night, probably many of them dead, in what amounted to a civil war which the security forces were largely unable to control. In many cases, they just stood back and watched as the looters grabbed chunks of concrete and hurled them at shops and offices.

In some areas, the looting went on continuously from lunch until late at night. "They are still pouring out of the supermarket near my home," said a middle-aged Indonesian executive long after dark. "They are just carrying armsful of anything they can carry — clothes, food and even television sets. They just came pouring out of the farms."

The streets in the western districts of the capital were littered with lumps of concrete and shards of smoked glass. Students tied rags over their mouths to keep out the acrid smoke of burning rubber, and bandanas over heads to ward off the fierce sun.

Gradually as the day wore on, the battle moved closer into the centre of the city while security forces moved in on a clean-up operation with tanks and armoured personnel carriers.

The home of a Chinese billionaire and close associate of President Suharto was destroyed. Lim Sioe Liong typified the privileged position the President accorded skilful Chinese businessmen who helped to fund his Government.

Such is the hatred of the Chinese that mobs of vigilantes were set up near Chinese areas checking cars to see if their occupants were Chinese. In many cases cars were confiscated and set on fire.

In the lobby of one hotel, an elegant woman remarked with evident approval: "They are burning the Chinese out of their shops." Either she was unaware or uncaring that it is the Chinese who make the country's economy work. It is they who supply and transport the food. It is they who run the supermarkets and the drugstores, and supply the vegetables. But on top of the jealousy of their evident economic success, the people now blame President Suharto for giving them such licence. On one block, the sickly sweet smell suggested that more than mere material goods had been destroyed. Later it transpired that 11 Chinese had died in a fire overnight.

> "It seemed more than mere goods had been destroyed: 11 Chinese had died in a fire"

At each intersection, knots of bystanders gather; thousands of potential little insurrections all over this city. Here and there, steel-helmeted policemen look on while sinister-looking mobile police in sunglasses, and some armed, shot by on small motorcycles.

Like all such demonstrations in recent weeks, it had all begun peacefully enough; fresh-faced young students shouting defiance, demanding that President Suharto step down. Eyes shone with the excitement of it all. But ranged against the ranks of students was the might of the police and army, representing decades of entrenched privilege as the only true unifying force in the country.

Nowhere else does the army consider itself such an important element in society as in Indonesia. Nowhere else does one see quite such arrogance in their eyes.

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Bank staff hurl cash at menacing crowd

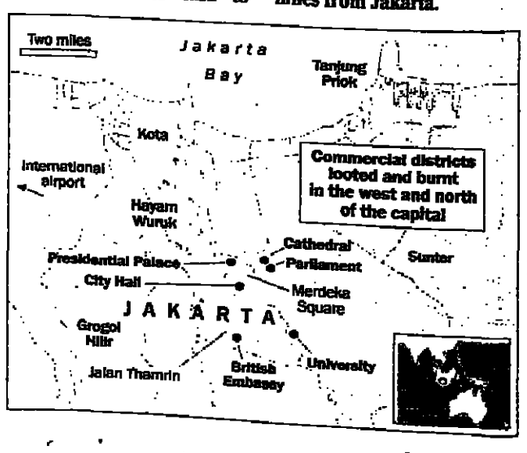
Jakarta: Employees of a west Jakarta bank threw bundles of banknotes at a mob to prevent looters from attacking the the building, a report said yesterday.

Quick-thinking employees of Bank Bali grabbed 10,000, 20,000 and 50,000 rupiah (60p, £1.20 and £3) notes and hurled them at thousands of people who threatened to besiege the bank, the Antara news agency reported.

The bank and its instant cash machines outside were only lightly guarded and employees had no choice but to sacrifice some cash to divert the mob. Elsewhere in the city, branches of the Bank Central Asia (BCA) were burnt and looted.

A branch manager of Lippo Bank said at least three branches were set on fire and several others were damaged. "All the money was insured and safes were fireproofed, and we always keep backup data at our central branch," he said.

A crowd yesterday emptied all the beer from the Multi Bintang brewery — which is 80 per cent owned by the Dutch brewer Heineken — 20 miles from Jakarta.



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London advises visitors to stay away

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

BRITAIN yesterday issued a warning to travellers not to visit Indonesia, and held discussions in Jakarta with other Western countries on a possible evacuation of citizens.

As riots engulfed the capital, several embassies began to send diplomats' wives and children home, and tightened up security around their missions. The American Embassy approved the departure of dependants, but British diplomats were merely warned to be careful.

Consular staff, however, were co-ordinating plans with the Canadians and Australians for the rapid evacuation of Westerners should bloodshed become widespread.

"We advise against non-essential travel to Indonesia," the Foreign Office said in a note. It said the situation was tense with large and sometimes violent demonstrations. These were likely to continue. It said demonstrations on university campuses elsewhere in the country had spilt on to the

TRAVELLERS

street, and visitors were urged to avoid large crowds. Yogyakarta was said to be especially tense.

Speaking for the European Union, Britain yesterday urged restraint on the Indonesian Government, and called on it to investigate the reported deaths and allegations of kidnapping and torture.

In a clear attempt to distance itself from the tottering Suharto regime, Britain said the confrontation with the students "underlines the urgent need for political reform in Indonesia".

The growing chaos has prompted many foreign companies, especially Asian ones, to evacuate their employees. South Korea's Hyundai closed its Jakarta office indefinitely yesterday; the French Embassy warned its citizens not to leave their homes, and the Thai Embassy advised its nationals to stock up with rice, water and cooking oil.

In nearby airports, especially Singapore, planeloads of foreigners and ethnic Chinese Indonesians flew in to escape the violence.

Pat Dowling, a rattan furniture importer from Suffolk, who arrived with her husband Jim from Jakarta, said they barely made it to their flight. "We got on the airport road as the blockades went up. They were bringing lorries across the roads, and a lot of young people were in their scooters."

Britain 'selling Jakarta weapons of repression'

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

ARMS TRADE

THE Government was accused by Amnesty International yesterday of letting exports of military equipment that could be used for repression slip through to Indonesia.

Robin Cook acknowledged yesterday that some of the equipment now being used against student rioters in Jakarta had been sold by British companies but under contracts agreed by the previous Conservative Government. He said on BBC Radio that the equipment "would not have been sold under the new criteria we brought in and under which we have refused seven licences [for exports to] Indonesia, very much the type of equipment the previous Government did sell".

Mr Cook said the licences approved under Labour had not included anything which could be used for internal repression. He gave as examples naval patrol boats, radar for offshore oil rigs and winches for naval boats.

However Richard Bunting, of Amnesty International, said that from May 2 last year to March 6 this year, 51 licences had been approved for military equipment to Indonesia. The human rights group said it had acquired its list from parliamentary written answers. They included, he said, exports of small arms, machineguns, riot control agents, including teargas, computer-surveillance equipment, body armour and toxological agents.

Mr Bunting said it was "highly disturbing" that these exports had gone through without any parliamentary scrutiny. There was no way of knowing, he said, whether the equipment was being used for internal repression. He said there remained serious loopholes in British legislation on arms exports and in the proposed code of practice planned by the European Union which was a British initiative. One flaw, he said, was that export licences could be granted where the recipient could show that the equipment was to be used for the protection of the security forces.

Mr Bunting said: "In Indonesia the security authorities have used such equipment before for repressive purposes. No one knows for sure what happens to British equipment. We are not against arms sales per se but Indonesia has a track record for using repressive measures against its own people."

Amnesty said the Government's monitoring of arms sales was inadequate. It quoted a parliamentary answer given by a Trade and Industry minister last October which said that the DTI's "Eclipse" data bank, which supposedly logged all export licences, was not "fully comprehensive".

The Foreign Secretary said that Indonesia was paying the price for ignoring his warnings last year that civil liberties were critical to economic success.

Mr Cook said the Government would not sell equipment that might be used in East Timor, and as Britain held the EU presidency he had taken a lead on the issue. There would for the first time be an EU troika of ambassadors visiting East Timor. The fact that Europe was watching, visiting and monitoring the situation in Indonesia amounted to important diplomatic pressure, he said.

The Indonesian Air Force is now taking delivery of the first of 16 single-seat Hawk 200 multirole aircraft, built by British Aerospace, which Mr Cook allowed to go ahead because the contract had been signed under the Tories. They will join another batch of 16 Hawk 200s which were delivered between 1996 and last year.

The previous Government's position on the sale of Hawks was that there was no evidence that they had ever been used for internal repression in East Timor or anywhere else.

British Aerospace said the sale of arms overseas was governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the Government, which could withdraw an export licence "at any stage in the process".

Under the previous Government, export licences were also granted to sell Indonesia 50 Alvis armoured personnel carriers and 293 other armoured vehicles.



ALADIN ABDEL NABY / REUTERS

President Suharto at prayer in Cairo yesterday before flying back to Indonesia

Handful of hopefuls line up to be leader

By David Watts

IT IS far from clear who might succeed if President Suharto decides that the devastated economy and student riots have fatally damaged his rule.

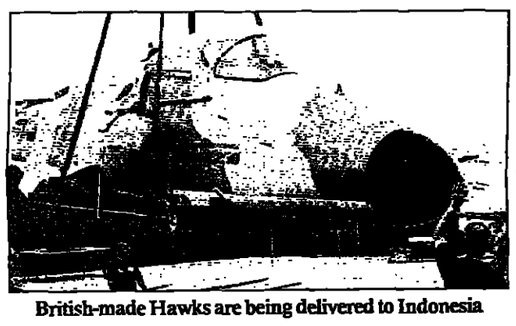
He has groomed numerous successors, only to discard them. Vice-President B.J. Habibie, who took office in March, might move up to be President, though he is by instinct and training an engineer and technocrat rather than a politician.

The always active Jakarta rumour mill has it that before

SUCCESSOR

he left the country for the Group of 15 summit in Cairo the President had already picked the State Secretary, Hartono, as his successor. However, the army career of President Suharto's son-in-law, General Prabowo Subianto, many believe, has prepared him for the top job. He has served as military commander in East Timor.

Amien Rais, leader of 28 million Muslims, has been making a strong play to be seen as a potential President. America, it is believed, would prefer a Rais succession, but the problem for him and all the other worthwhile candidates is that they come from outside the current political structure.



British-made Hawks are being delivered to Indonesia

Bagpiper's stiff upper lip won world praise

By Michael Binyon and Helen Rumbelow

BRITISH ROLE

BRITAIN won worldwide acclaim for the *sang froid* of its diplomats in the last serious outbreak of mob violence in Jakarta 25 years ago when a military attaché paraded outside the burning British Embassy playing the bagpipes under a hail of stones.

Major Roderick Walker, a 31-year-old assistant military attaché, wore his SAS uniform as the mob pelted him with stones and rotten eggs. When a policeman tried to drag him away as the rioters stormed the embassy, he broke free and carried on piping.

His mother said he played the bagpipes because they would be an unusual sight in Jakarta. "It would calm the rioters," she said.

Andrew Gilchrist, the Ambassador, later said: "As a means of pacifying angry mobs, nothing could be less effective than the bagpipes. To play the bagpipes is, and can only be, a gesture of defiance."

The demonstrators were protesting at the formation of the Federation of Malaysia, which they said was a British imperialist creation. Indonesia tried to crush the state with a policy of "confrontation" but eventually gave up.



Palestinians die in day of rioting against Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

EIGHT Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli forces yesterday and nearly 200 wounded as mass protests raged across the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem to mark the creation of the Jewish state 50 years ago.

The rioting, whipped up by the Palestinian Authority and encouraged by the burning of a gate leading to Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem by Jewish militants, was the worst since September 1996, when Israel opened a new entrance to a tunnel near the mosque.

Palestinians name the anniversary Al Naqba (the Catastrophe). The events were modelled on Israel's remembrance day for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, with a two-minute siren wailing across all Palestinian areas.

Last night Israeli security forces were reinforced close to many of the Palestinian areas, for fear that renewed clashes would erupt after the funerals of the victims who, according to a senior Palestinian security official, included two boys aged eight. Incitement to violence is expected at today's weekly prayers in mosques.

The bloodiest clashes occurred in the Gaza Strip, where Israeli soldiers fired hundreds of rounds to keep Palestinian demonstrators from attacking isolated Jewish settlements where about 5,000 Jews live among more than a million Arabs. The rioters attacked troops with stones, bottles, improvised sling-shots and petrol bombs.

Israel radio reported that in one incident, Palestinian police opened fire against Israeli soldiers, who returned fire.

Yesterday's mayhem happened only hours before the Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, and the US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, were due to hold a second round of crisis talks in Washington in their struggle to break the 15-month deadlock in peace talks.

The violence prompted an angry statement from Yassir Arafat's Information Ministry, claiming: "The killing of innocent citizens and the peace process by the occupation forces uncovers the criminal face of the organised terrorist Government led by Binyamin Netanyahu."

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, protesters burnt Israeli and American flags and set fire to a model of a Jewish settlement and a picture of Mr Netanyahu. "You filthy Binyamin," the demonstrators chanted.

Altogether several hundred thousand Palestinians were estimated to have taken part in an orchestrated series of nine protest marches, one — the biggest of all — in Gaza and the other eight in the West Bank, where clashes were reported close to most self-rule towns. In Hebron 80 Palestinians were wounded as they fought Israelis. Many areas close to Israeli troop positions became like battlefields, with efforts by the Palestinian police to restrain the rioters hopelessly inadequate.

Mr Arafat, Palestinian Authority President, called in a broadcast message for a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

"The [Israeli] occupiers have made all the possible efforts that could be made by any colonialist to change the face of Palestine and to deny the existence of the Palestinians," he said.

In east Jerusalem, Israeli mounted police charged into a crowd of marchers led by Muslim clergymen who were chanting: "Jerusalem is an Arab city".

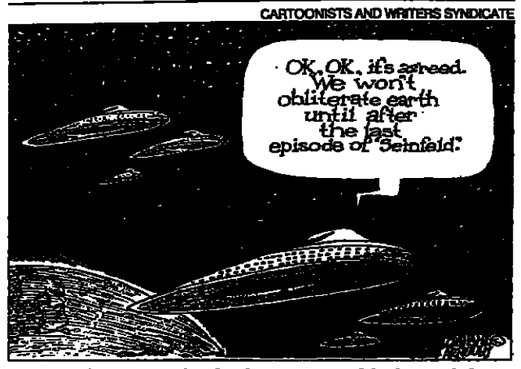
The Arab League, in a statement marking the anniversary, said that Mr Netanyahu had planted a time-bomb "ready to explode at any time" because of his apparent opposition to the exchange of land for peace.

AHMED JADALLAH / REUTERS



Palestinians carry away the body of one of eight protesters shot dead by Israeli troops yesterday in the Gaza Strip, scene of the bloodiest clashes

CARTOONISTS AND WRITERS SYNDICATE



How the cartoonist Grahame Arnould pictured the demise of the *Seinfeld* show in *The Idler* of Toronto

End of Seinfeld era is witnessed by 95m

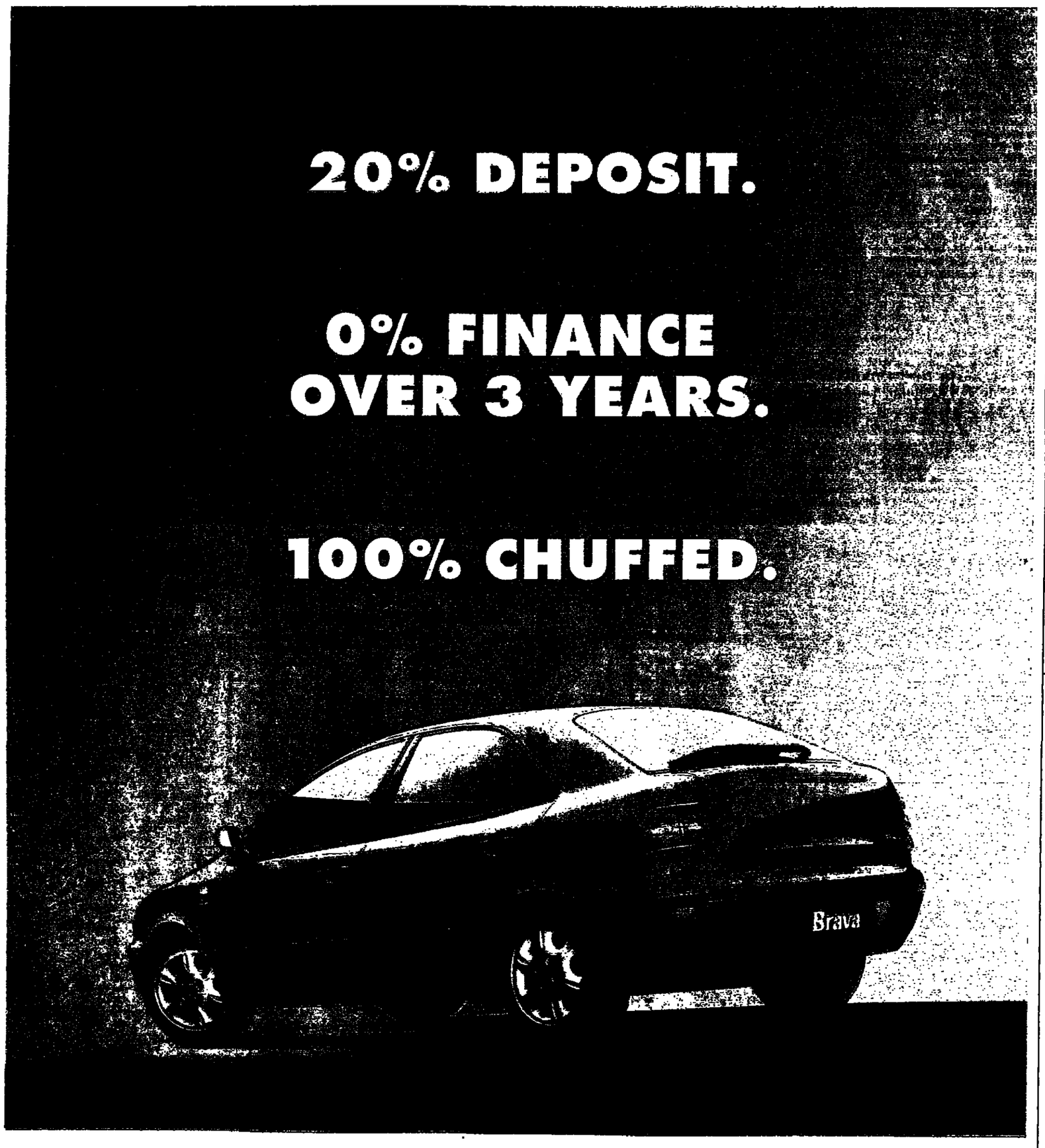
FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A NEW phrase — "Seinshocked" — enters the American lexicon today as a nation learns to cope with life without *Seinfeld*, the acclaimed television comedy, whose final episode played last night to empty streets, crowded sitting rooms, and worshipful farewell parties across the country.

Described commonly as being about nothing in particular, the show offered weekly vignettes from the lives of four morally anaemic, intellectually mediocre and physically unattractive New Yorkers. Jerry Seinfeld, the show's creator and star, plays Jerry, the only lucky member of the dysfunctional quartet who form the central cast. The others, familiar to British viewers who watch the show on BBC2, are Elaine, a feckless man-chaser; George, a short, bald *nebbish*, or geek; and Kramer, a man who is, to put it bluntly, quite mad.

Advertisers paid an estimated $1.7 million (£1 million) for each 30-second slot, breaking the $1.3 million record set recently by the Super Bowl. But *Seinfeld* has always been about big bucks: Mr Seinfeld received about $1 million per episode and his co-stars $600,000.

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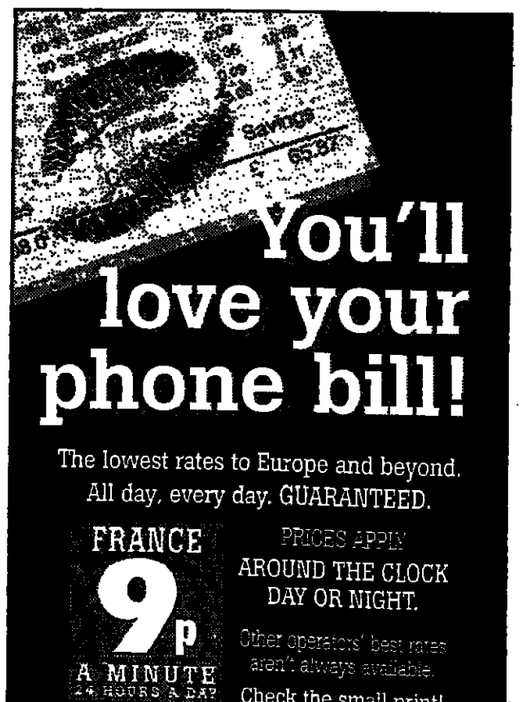
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Delhi able to play nuclear trump in game for control of Kashmir

COMMENTARY
Eric Arnett

India's five nuclear blasts this week provoked a wave of concern about the possibility of a regional arms race. Such fears are overstated from a technical point of view, but from a political perspective the situation between India and Pakistan was headed for trouble.

Indian scientists have been working steadily on nuclear bomb designs since the 1974 test and have been pushing hard to be allowed to conduct more tests for the past 2½ years. The formation of a Government led by the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) gave them their chance, and they seized it. The Indian military was informed only at the last minute. They still have no formal concept of how or when nuclear weapons should be used, and no decision has been made for India to deploy nuclear weapons.

The same approach to governance that led BJP to test without consulting the military or its coalition partners could lead the region into disaster. In this sense, the tests are not so much a cause of instability, rather a symptom of a situation that was well on its way to becoming unstable.

To understand the possible consequences, it is necessary first to consider how things stood before Monday's event. Despite the improving political situation before the BJP came to power, nuclear wishful thinking was priming a dangerous furnace. On the Pakistani side, the attainment in the late 1980s of the capability to assemble nuclear weapons on short notice led to a round of unwarranted triumphalism. Pakistani leaders have stated their belief that their "nuclear option" makes war impossible. Such a belief would simply be absurd in other circumstances. With Pakistan's support for the insurgency in Kashmir, it is perilous. Leaders who believe war is not an option for their adversaries are more likely to run outlandish risks. And outlandish risks are necessary if Pakistan is to realise its hope that India will give up Kashmir once the pain becomes unbearable.

On the other side, Indian military planners believe war is still an option that will be exercised long before they give in to the pain inflicted by an insurgency. Pakistan may have the wherewithal to assemble five nuclear weapons, but Indian planners say they would still never be used.

Pakistan's leaders know that India can just as easily put together ten times as many. The Indian military sees its nuclear capability as a trump that allows them to fight a long conventional war if provoked without fear of nuclear escalation.

If India ever chose to ignore Pakistan's nuclear capability by responding forcefully to a flare-up in Kashmir, the Pakistani response could be catastrophic. As then President Ghulam Ishaq Khan threatened in 1990, "in the event of war with India, Pakistan would use nuclear weapons at an early stage".

For their part, Western arms suppliers seem to have concluded that the nuclear factor is unimportant and have been selling more weapons and technology to India in recent years. But arms sales and nuclear stability are intimately linked. Russia, Britain, America and Israel have sold heavy laser-guided bombs and related equipment to the Indian Air Force over the past six years. These weapons can destroy Pakistan's nuclear delivery systems even in hardened shelters. The Pakistani Air Force's fears about the vulnerability of its aircraft must have been one of the main factors in the decision to develop and test the Ghauri ballistic missile last month.

Since India's tests, Washington has led the Western suppliers by cutting off military co-operation. The US decision will bring work on India's "indigenous" light combat aircraft to a standstill.

Without a decision to produce nuclear weapons, this week's nuclear tests are primarily a reminder of the precarious situation in South Asia. An Indian Government reckless enough to test despite the economic consequences is more likely to launch a punitive attack against Pakistan, heedless of the risk of nuclear escalation. An Indian Government belligerent enough to accuse China of being "potential enemy No. 1" despite steps to demilitarise the border is also likely to take an alarmist view of troubles in Kashmir. A Government as oblivious to international norms and sensitivities as the current one is unlikely to respond well to outside intermediaries, which have been historically important in serious crises.

Under the circumstances, the BJP Government has served notice that it is an inappropriate recipient of the military co-operation that India has enjoyed.

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India weighs budget cuts as sanctions bite

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

ECONOMY

INDIA has launched a diplomatic drive to soften the impact of international sanctions, which could lead to drastic budget cuts if they bite as hard as the United States is threatening. Financial and stock markets have crashed and the rupee is under siege, reflecting fears of a long-term economic crisis.

It is not certain that India has completed its series of tests, despite official assurances. A Russian military source was quoted in Moscow last night as saying India would have to carry out four more blasts to complete its test programme. India's nuclear programme is based on Russian technology.

Hyderabad, which produces much of the world's software, could be severely hurt by curbs on technology transfers. Microsoft is setting up in the Andhra Pradesh capital: any interruption to its investment plans could shatter confidence in the city, one of India's most successful export centres.

Foreign-funded programmes to fight tuberculosis, more prevalent in India than any other country, are threatened. So are birth control measures. A cyclone safety scheme, financed by the International Development Agency, could be axed.

The punitive measures will prevent most hard-currency borrowing by public-sector companies such as Air India for expansion plans, since American sanctions rules forbid lending to Indian government agencies by American banks. That effectively scuppers the airline's plans to improve its standards of service and punctuality.

The armed forces are worried that curbs on technology transfers will interrupt the development of a new battle tank and light combat aircraft, which rely respectively on American and on German technology.

The Government has declared that India is strong enough to ride out the sanctions, but privately there is concern that any long-term international action would force it into politically damaging spending cuts. Delhi's winning card is its readiness to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in return for leniency. It may also be ready to accept internationally agreed safety standards on its civilian nuclear power reactors.

Delhi will be closely monitoring the weekend meeting of the Group of Eight in Birmingham. Any sign of unity of action would send Indian markets into panic and might undermine the confidence of non-resident Indians, whose deposits are a crucial source of foreign currency.

Atal Behari Vajpayee, the Prime Minister, said that "we have come to understand that we will be denied aid and that we will face problems. The country should be ready to face them". Senior ministers admit privately that spending plans in the forthcoming budget will have to be reassessed. Ministers will seek to justify any cuts by arguing that a price had to be paid for demonstrating India's nuclear might.

☐ **Tokyo:** Japan expanded the scope of its sanctions against Delhi by announcing a freeze on yen-denominated loans, worth $990 million in fiscal 1997. Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, also recalled Japan's Ambassador.

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A cleaner at work in front of a mushroom cloud picture at Beijing's Military Museum

Pakistan rejects calls for restraint over missile tests

BY PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

REACTION

PAKISTAN said yesterday that it would no longer heed international appeals for restraint and that it had the capability to respond to India's recent nuclear tests.

"Indian actions, which pose an immediate and a grave threat to Pakistan security, will not go unanswered," Munir Akram, Pakistan's senior negotiator told the United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. He hinted at growing frustration over the superpowers' inability to curb the development of India's nuclear programme while Pakistan had been subjected to penalties.

Mr Akram rejected the American threat of sanctions against India as inadequate and suggested that Washington had ignored warnings four days beforehand that a nuclear test was about to be carried out. Pakistan has repeatedly accused several Western countries of helping India to develop its nuclear missile programme.

Pressure on Pakistan for restraint increased yesterday with the announcement that Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Gohar Ayub Khan, will today meet the US Deputy Secretary of State, Strobe Talbott, and General Anthony Zinni, Commander of the US Central Command.ok "They'll talk to us and we will listen." Mr Ayub said.

India gave no indication at the disarmament conference that it was ready to join the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty after its latest explosions. Disarmament experts said it was likely that Delhi would have to complete more tests before it acquired the ability to carry out simulated laboratory tests. Despite widespread condemnation of the latest tests, negotiators acknowledged they could do little to stop them. India has not signed the treaty, nor has it violated any other international agreements.

Talks at the disarmament conference have been blocked for two years. India and other non-aligned countries are insisting that any progress on banning the production of bomb-making fissile material must be linked to the start of talks on full nuclear disarmament, which the nuclear powers, including Britain, reject.

As tension increased between the two neighbouring nations, China yesterday set aside an earlier cautious reaction to India's nuclear tests and said it was "deeply shocked" by what it called Delhi's outrageous contempt for world opinion and its threat to global peace.

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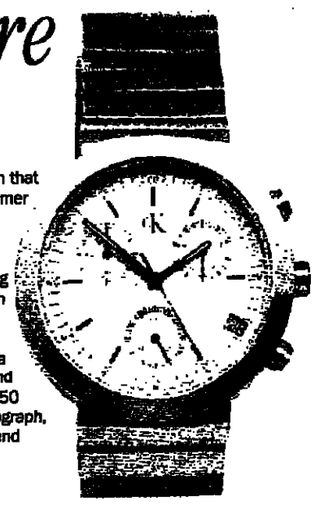
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HOT TIP



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How to be a perfect wedding day guest

TONY STONE



One of the things to remember when getting all done up for a wedding is that unless you are the bride, nobody is looking at you

CUTTING EDGE
JANE SHILLING

Strolling along the Greenwich waterfront earlier this week, I came upon a little wedding party — red-faced groom and best man in penguin suits, ravishingly pretty bride with creamy skin, bright blue eyes and auburn hair twined with yellow rosebuds, trailing her ivory silk skirt along the dusty cobbles.

Behind her, in the great sash windows of the Trafalgar Tavern, could be seen a mother suckling an infant, and a crone peering into a glass of stout — a sort of prefiguring of what was going to happen to this pretty girl. Haunting though this little allegory of woman's lot was, I found myself even more struck by the fact that the groom's mother looked not just suitably dressed for the occasion, but really lovely in billowing yards of accordion-pleated pearl grey chiffon and a huge grey straw hat.

It is a commonplace (and, like most commonplaces, quite true) that the Brits only look well dressed when they are on parade. Thus weedy and insignificant men suddenly become quite delicious when hooked into mess kit or morning dress, and dowdy girls bloom when making an effort for some grand occasion. Now you might think that there was nothing like a wedding for the making of an effort. And then again, you may look at the recent pictures of the Dent-Brocklehurst nuptials and think otherwise. The evening wear was OK, of course — Mick Jagger's lizard king jacket and Elizabeth Hurley's glittery *cache-sexe* (on the scratchy side, one might hazard). But oh dear, the day clothes.

A beige safari suit and a hat like an explosion in a netting factory (Hurley again) do not a celebration make, even if the suit *was* Chanel.

There are two things to remember when getting all done up for a wedding. The first is that, unless you are the bride, Nobody's Looking At You, Darling. And the second is that you are dressing not just to please yourself but as part of a greater collective effort. You, with your fellow guests, are part of a chorus line against which the principal girl is to shine. And there are rules for chorus lines.

So, no black, no white, no mean scene-stealing exposure of erogenous zones *à la* Racquel Welch at her son's wedding to Fred Trueman's daughter. What you are after is something perfectly charming that will give you a glow of secret pleasure while not frightening the horses or drawing the lenses of the paparazzi. How much you decide to spend depends rather on how many weddings you have to go to.

If most of your friends are off the shelf for the time being you might want to make a substantial investment that will take you to Ascot and Glyndebourne as well. But if everyone you know is getting spliced or re-spliced it is probably wiser to spend your budget on four or five inexpensive things that can be glammed up with beautiful accessories. For very formal weddings, the sort to which it is really necessary to wear a dress and jacket, Patsy Seddon's gold silk embroidered shift, £149, and jacket, £229, for Phase 8 are ideal. Jean Muir's ice blue brocade shift with a trellis of silver gilt flowers and a sweetheart neckline, £369, is deeply flattering to blonde English looks (there is a matching long jacket, £515).

Georges Rech does a turquoise brocade jacket with a stand-up collar and Morano glass buttons, with a side split skirt, £555. At Karen Millen, an ankle-length pale pink embroidered silk coat is £195 and a matching full-length shift is £160. Also at Karen Millen, is an ice-cream pink top stitched short dress, £110, with a matching jacket, trimmed with little silver buttons, like Indian bells, on each sleeve, £195.

If you are on a tight budget, or all your friends are getting married at once, you might want to consider glamming up a good, basic dress with amazing accessories and flinging a little silk cardigan on top instead of a jacket. Marks & Spencer has finely ribbed silk cardigans in cream, pink, *eau-de-nil* and parma violet for £32, and Pearce Fionda's cream sequined long crochet cardigan for Debenhams, £80, is very grand.



A floral snip at M&S, £40

Debenhams also has excellent hats, rosebud trimmed cream straw by Isabella James, £80, and high crowned beige silk with a huge, dramatic feather trim, £60 by Hatbox. Fenwick has the most wearable hat of all, a wide-brimmed straw by Grevi di Firenze with a silk ribbon trim, £59. Add Dollargrand's velvet-trimmed satin bag, £35, and no one will work out that your lilac linen flower print or ice blue satin Devoré shift cost £40 at Marks & Spencer or your floaty double-layer cream and ice blue chiffon (perfect with the Pearce Fionda cardigan) was £39.55 from Next.

And if you feel like making a very British compromise between cheap and cheerful and ostentatiously grand, Press and Bastyan's forget-me-not blue chiffon strewn with white and silver glittery flowers, £120, or Laura Ashley's long straw silk organza, embroidered like the verges of a field of barley with cornflowers and poppies, £95, are both so fetching that the sight of them is almost guaranteed to bring on a proposal of your very own.

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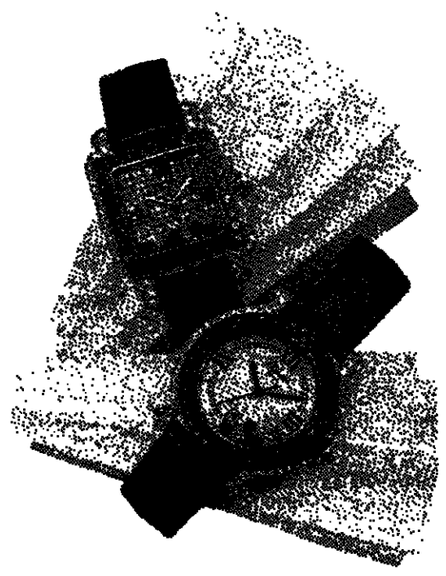
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Over *la lune* or as sick as a *perroquet*?

The reason men love playing contact sports so much is that it is one of the few *everyday activities that provides* them with an opportunity to escape sedentary office life, fill their lungs with fresh air and legally maim total strangers.

Football's *popularity in particular* has been growing at a startling rate (technically defined as the *length of time that elapses between any new development in* the soccer world and Tony Banks appearing on TV to offer a crazed opinion about it). But it seems that *our physical attitude to the game* might no longer be sufficiently thoughtful to guarantee the England team success when they compete at this summer's World Cup in France. This is because the French (national motto: "We may not be the friendliest people on *earth, but we're certainly the most* pretentious") have decided that football is not so much a question *of kicking balls around, as of* kicking ideas around.

Just this week, a sociologist called Patrick Mignon published a book called *La Passion du Football* about soccer's role in society (the gist of it is that "it is about the division of labour, *collective discipline, the necessity* for solidarity", presumably French for "it is a team sport"). Mignon's work joins a flood of new books by French intellectuals advancing fancy theories about soccer, a flood that has swollen so dramatically in the run-up to the *World Cup that it has* been diverted into its own genre of literature, *la footie philosophie*.

Another new French work, *Football and Art*, tells us that: "The football player remains one of the emblematic figures of the 20th century ... enshrining a *particular notion of modernity*, theatrical performance and the redefinition of the self." This *certainly sums up a footballer* such as Paul Gascoigne, who is clearly recognisable as someone who is just like any other emblematic figure of the 20th century, only with fewer brain cells.

On the bright side, British sportsmen have always been *philosophical about their sport* (especially England's cricketers, who have had no option but to become very philosophical until such time as the authorities change the rules to allow England's batsmen to play Test matches only against opponents who agree to bowl underarm, blindfolded and with fluffy balls).

The supporters, too, have been giving football some serious thought. It was only the other day that they diverted themselves from their favourite game long enough to answer a survey for *Total Sport magazine, which found that 61 per* cent of men find sport "more exciting" than their girlfriends or wives. Or, *to put it another way*, 39 per cent of men find sport "less exciting" than their girlfriends or wives — which means that substantial numbers of women in Britain have ended up happily sharing their lives with Barnsley supporters.

So are our boys up to it? Faced with this latest dose of gamesmanship from the French hosts, Glenn Hoddle obviously needs to test the players' philosophical aptitude for victory before making his final team selection. The easiest way for him to do this might be by using the *same questionnaire* (a copy is reprinted below) that the French coach used to sift out his country's fittest squad. Players should tackle all questions:

1. It is vital that a football match always start with: *a)* a kick-off; b) a full stadium; c) both teams' national anthems; d) a premise.

2. I *most like to pass*: a) to the wing; b) to the centre; c) back to the goalie; d) judgment.

3. It's always handy if your team includes an extra: a) goalkeeper; b) winger; c) striker; d) existentialist.

4. I always remember: a) the 1966 World Cup final; b) the magic of Pelé; c) to wear shin pads; d) things past.

5. Even my friends call me: a) a bruiser; b) weak with my left foot; c) a goal-hanger; d) Spinoza.

6. Unless you *keep an eye on the* goal, you can easily find yourself: a) tackled; b) fouled; c) substituted; d) digressing.

7. Never beg: a) the referee for a penalty; b) a team-mate for a pass; c) the manager for a place in the team; d) the question.

8. I like to wear my: a) home strip; b) away strip; c) lucky boots; d) knowledge lightly.

9. Complete the following phrase: "Free" ... a) ball; b) kick; c) transfer; d) will.

10. I hate being attacked: a) on the referee's blind side; b) by my own team coach; c) by the soccer press; d) *ad hominem*.

11. I enjoy the sense of security offered by: a) athletic supporters; b) crowd barriers; c) mounted police; d) empiricism.

12. I'm with: a) Chelsea; b) AC Milan; c) Liverpool; d) Wittgenstein on most things.

13. You'll usually find me hanging around: a) the goal mouth; b) *the penalty area*; c) *the corner post*; d) with logical positivists.

14. Whenever I'm confused, I always go *back* (or: *a) the person* I'm supposed to be marking; b) the goal line c) the dressing room; d) first principles.

Oh, and Sartre's classic, *La Nausée* (*Nausea*), is also being reissued in a special World Cup edition that restores the book's original sporting title. Look out for it on bookstands: it's the one called *La Nausée des Perroquets*.

My friend Jack the lad

Bob Rafelson knows Jack Nicholson better than anyone. Interview by **Louise France**

If it was not for the film director Bob Rafelson, Jack Nicholson might not have won his third Oscar earlier this year for *As Good As It Gets*. And the cinema would be without some of its more enduring images. Jack's devilish grin as the Joker in *Batman*. Jack's devastating sexiness in *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. Those gloriously demented eyebrows in *The Shining*.

For Rafelson was the man who persuaded the then disillusioned 30-year-old Jack Nicholson to return to acting. It might seem these days that Happy Jack — as he likes to call himself — has been doing the celebrity swagger around town all his life but in 1968 he had starred in almost 20 films and they had mostly been duds. He had given acting his best shot, he decided. Time to try his hand behind the camera instead.

The two men — who have been *friends and colleagues* for 30 years and still live across the road from each other on the famous Mulholland Drive in Los Angeles — met at a club which specialised in arty foreign films. "When I liked a picture *I'd stand in the dark* and applaud and whistle like mad," says Rafelson. "Over *the weeks I noticed that* another person was doing the same thing. It turned out to be Jack. We seemed to have the same visceral response to *films. It was as if we were at a* sporting event."

They were two young-ish bucks who sparked off each other's talents. Rafelson, who as a teenager had planned to teach philosophy because "you could bullshit and still get paid," was writing for American television. He had been one of the creators of the pop group the Monkees and when he was commissioned to direct a film about *them he employed Nicholson to write* the script.

"As we wrote we would read *the parts* out loud and I realised that he could really act. I kept looking at him and saying, 'You should be an actor,' and he'd complain 'But I can't get a job. It's all B-movie parts, *C-movie parts. I've given up'.*

"But I still thought he had this amazing talent. He had these great teeth, *those funny* eyebrows. And as we walked through the park at lunchtime he'd do these great animal impersonations. I thought 'I can make capital out of this man'. I told him we were going to make a movie and he would be the star. What was more, we were going to make a movie every two or three years and it would cover our entire life together. In a way that's *exactly what we've done.*"

Rafelson gave Nicholson, now 60, his first lead role as the middle-class drifter in the 1970 classic *Five Easy Pieces*. This was followed by *The King of Marvin Gardens* (1972), *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (made in 1981 and rereleased this week on video), *Man Trouble* (1992) and most recently *Blood and Wine* (1997). In the notoriously fickle world of Hollywood, theirs is a rare collaboration.

It is easy to see why they clicked. There is a cocky self-assurance about Rafelson which reminds one of Nicholson. *They are both* good-looking — at 64, Rafelson still cuts a dash with dark glasses pushed halfway up his forehead, classic khaki trousers, preppy cotton sweater and a pair of fuchsia-pink suede shoes. "At home," says Rafelson, "Jack and I sit around talking about our wardrobes."

They are both from the old school when it comes to women. "Oh good," he says when we meet. "A lady journalist." And they both, one *suspects*, adore to hold court.





Buddies for 30 years: Bob Rafelson and Jack Nicholson

Rafelson's voice is all bourbon and tobacco and his languorous delivery, complete with long pauses between each sentence, has the effect of making you hang on to his every word — just in case it is his last. One senses this man is *not going to hurry for anyone* — except perhaps for Jack.

Indeed, by the time they worked together on *The Postman*, Rafelson was already having to kowtow to his old friend. In the ten years since making *The King Of Marvin Gardens*, Nicholson's rates had increased from $392 (£240) a week to $13 million per picture. Meanwhile, Rafelson had built up a reputation for making finely researched pieces about disillusionment and the American dream. But there was also a period when he was mostly known for his fiery temper. There are stories about him being sacked from sets and throwing furniture at studio executives.

By the time of *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, he had *been out of work for four years* and was desperate for a new movie. So when Rafelson went to greet his old buddy on the set a bodyguard blocked the doorway. "Jack is busy right now," said the beefcake. Rafelson chucked him out. "On the early films together Jack and I shared a motel room when we were shooting. *This time he had a huge trailer* and his salary was four times as much as all the films I had ever made put together.

"I would go in to see him and explain how we needed to do some work on one of the scenes for the following day. *We'd rewritten the scripts on Five Easy Pieces* overnight and I wanted to work the same way again. But he'd say 'I can't do that because I'm taking a private helicopter down to watch the game. Come with me and we'll talk on the way back.' I would go along with him and of course he'd get so wasted we'd get nothing done."

Did you mind? "I laughed at the situation. He was the star. I was the director. We still had great respect for each other because I knew Jack so well I understood how to get something new out of him. But there was a difference. Jack was rich. That isn't to take away from the fact that he's the smartest actor I've ever met. He has an intellectual curiosity, a great feeling of *irony, and he doesn't conceal* anything."

Theirs is an old-fashioned laddish friendship where the currency is an easygoing oneupmanship rather than intimate conversation about emotions. "We compete," says Rafelson. "We compete about athletics" — Rafelson taught him to play tennis and within two years Nicholson was beating him. "We compete with our intellects, we compete with women."

When Jack wanted Meryl Streep to play the part as the bored housewife Cora in *The Postman*, Rafelson was secretly auditioning Jessica Lange at the same time. He showed Jack the rushes, with Rafelson playing Jack's part. "'Look how sexy she is with me,' I told him. 'Imagine how she's going to be with you.' That won Jack round."

The two men talk on the phone regularly. Do you go out on the town together? "Not much. The last time he called was to tell me he'd shot a 65 at golf. I said, 'Did you cheat?' because he always cheated at tennis. 'No, I did not,' he said. 'Are you going to shoot another one?' I said. 'No, I will never shoot another one. That's the point.'

"What we never do is talk about films. He'd much rather talk about the street we might be walking down and the people we see. The same sense of humour and a sense of the absurdity of life has accounted for our closeness."

The difference between them is that while Happy Jack has a ball making movies, Rafelson doesn't. He cannot bear to watch a film again after it has been released, partly because he edits them himself and watches *the first 150 prints*, from beginning to end, to check for imperfections. "Films to me mean worry and sleeplessness and having to put on a positive face for the rest of the crew. Movies are not fun. I sometimes wonder if I enjoy doing *them* at all.

"Everyone remembers the sex scene in *The Postman*. But I remember the last scene when Jessica had to fall out of the car. I remember her crying because the wires we had tied to her were digging into her legs and making her bleed. What I remember is her turning to me and saying 'Do we have to do it again?' and having to say 'Yes'."

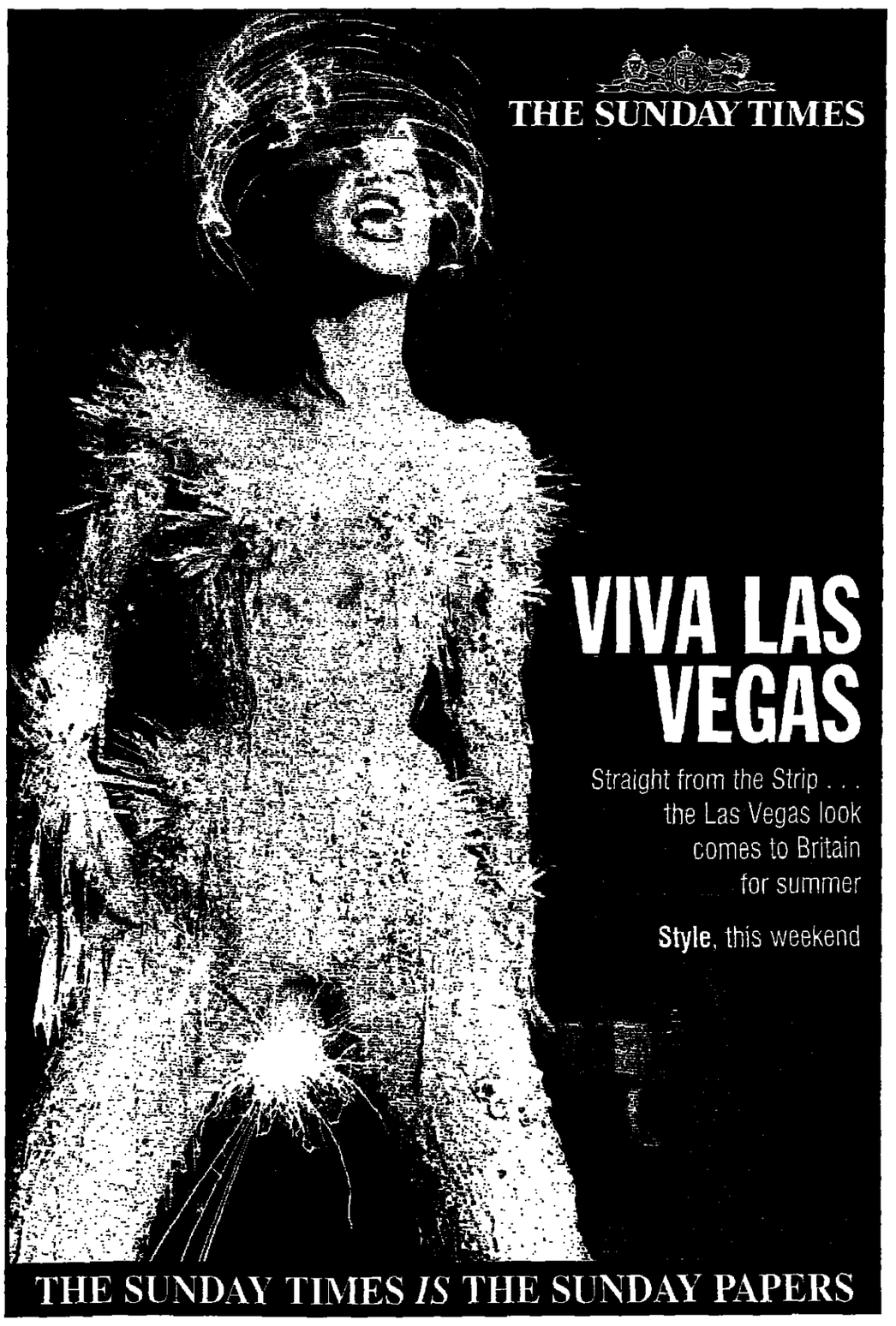
He has completed just eight films since 1968 and each one gives *him the money* to travel. Between each film he takes himself off to the Amazon jungle or to a remote spot in Tibet. Perhaps this is the reason why he and Jack Nicholson have remained so close, for he doesn't take his friend's exotic world particularly seriously.

"I'm not the kind of person to have many friends. But Jack is still one of them," he says. "Even *though he is a big* movie star he hasn't altogether lost his sense of irony about himself." There is a pause. "He's lost it a bit. But not completely."

● *Warner Home Video releases its Maverick Directors II series, including Bob Rafelson's* The Postman Always Rings Twice, *on May 18, priced £12.99*



Jack Nicholson and Jessica Lange in *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. Nicholson originally wanted Meryl Streep as his co-star in the film





Ulster must hold its nose – but vote yes

Flawed as it is, the Good Friday deal offers hope, says **John Lloyd**

Three lawyers and a preacher stood before the people of Ballyclare on Wednesday night and roused them against the will of their Government. At the end of this century, as at its beginning, the halls of Ulster hear the charge of betrayal of the Unionist people by their State, framed in the language of the Gospels, thundered from platforms draped in the Union Jack and concluded with the fervent singing of *God Save the Queen*.

The men on the Ballyclare platform held in their hands a document, called simply "the agreement", which Tony Blair claims will bring them peace through reconciliation. They excruciated it, crumpled it, jabbed at it, all but spat on it. The senior lawyer of the three, Robert McCartney of the UK Unionist Party — his matinee-idol looks contrasting with his bully pulpit oratory — warned the packed hall: "If you support this agreement you will be murdering morality, murdering justice and murdering the rule of law."

The preacher, William McCrea of the Democratic Unionist Party, a holy firebrand of the quality of his leader, Ian Paisley, roared: "We will never be bought and by the grace of God we will never be broken!"

In many important senses, the men on the platform are right. The agreement is an extraordinary device, the diplomatic equivalent of one of those Heath Robinson diagrams showing how a fantastic assemblage of pulleys, cranks and cables can deliver a fresh cup of tea to one's bedside by pulling the lever. All of its parts, as Tony Blair insists, work together or it fails. But many of its parts are absurd.

For much of this century the British have been the subject of a unique irredentist claim over Northern Ireland, put at the head of the Irish Constitution by that state's avenging angel, Eamon de Valera. The British have not seriously sought to have it removed. On the contrary, throughout most of the present "Troubles" they have been apologetic about it. This guilt helps to explain how the political wing of the Western world's most ruthless terrorist group was given leave to contest elections, wooed into negotiations and encouraged to continue talking while its armed comrades murdered and tortured. It helps to explain why the British and Irish Governments' protestations that the IRA and the loyalist terrorist groups should decommission their arms before being considered for talks, then before entering talks, then during talks, and now before entering the new assembly, sound so false.

The men on the Ballyclare platform kept repeating that there is nothing in the agreement to prevent Gerry Adams or Martin McGuinness, unrepentant leaders of anti-British terrorism, from taking their seats and even entering the Cabinet of a devolved portion of government while continuing to have close ties to men with arsenals of weapons.

To keep Sinn Fein in the talks, and to get its endorsement of the agreement — which its conference gave last weekend after a wildly emotional reception of the Balcombe Street gang, convicted multiple killers let out to assist its deliberations — the Unionists were forced to swallow ambiguous words on the decommissioning of weapons, together with the release of assassins. Assassins not just of Unionists; the loyalist paramilitary murderers are also to be let out early. One convicted loyalist killer, Michael Stone, was released for four days to attend an Ulster Democratic Party rally last night.

More; the assembly is to have 108 seats, rather than the originally proposed 90, because the two paramilitary political groups which gave the Official Unionists a majority of the Unionist vote insisted that their leaders, too, be guaranteed seats. The proposed assembly thus has more members to govern 1.5 million people than the Welsh equivalent has to govern three million — merely to accommodate those who speak for terrorists.

So the men on the Ballyclare platform on Wednesday night had a good song, and they sang it lustily. The [illegible] let David Trimble, who are fighting for the agreement (and their political lives) know it well, have sung it in the past and would like to sing it still.

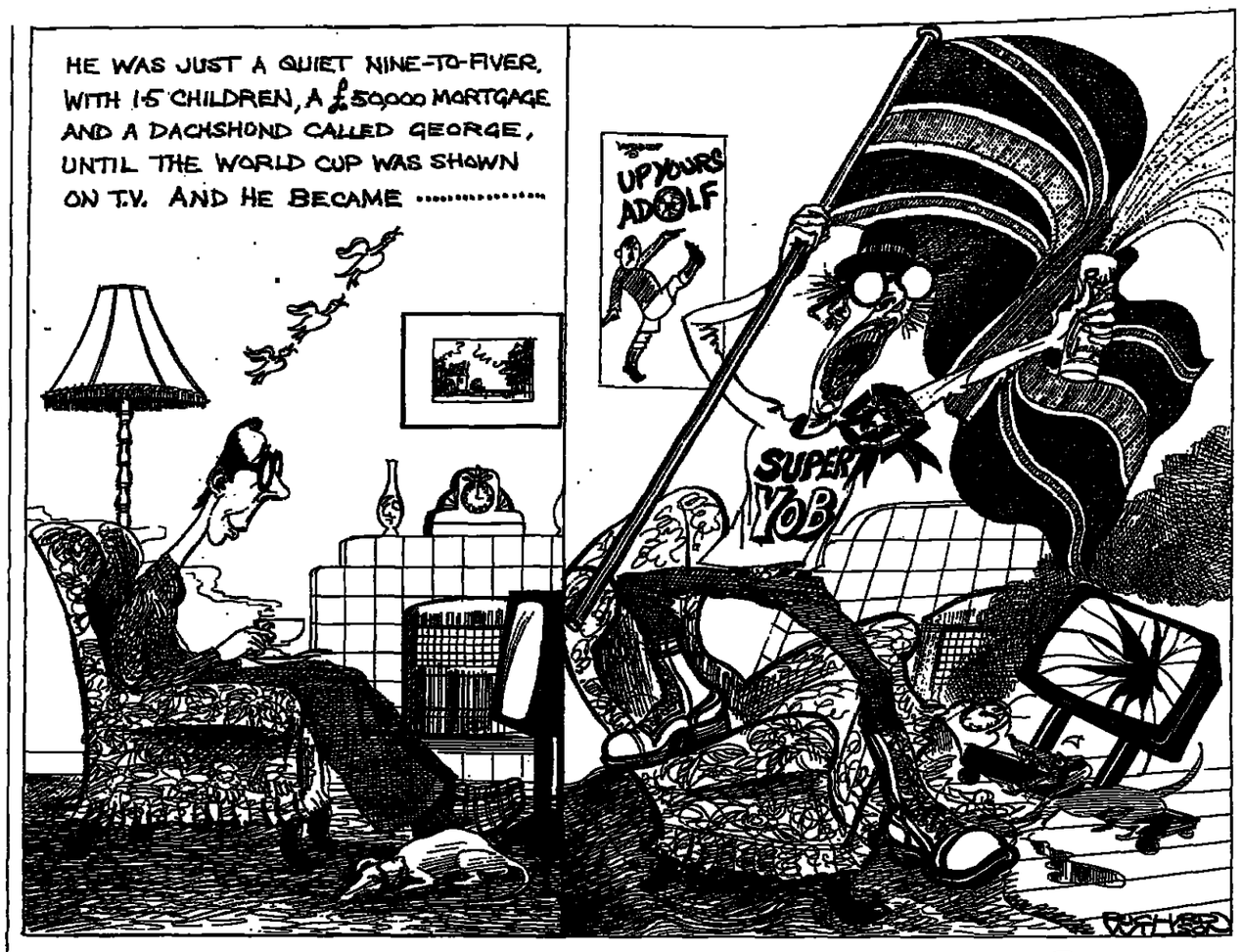
The accord is a piece of Heath Robinson diplomacy

But they see in the agreement, with all its uniquely distasteful features, a document which gives an opening to the possibility of new politics. They believe that the Irish Government has lost any will, or necessity to pretend a will, to take over the North. They are sure that the referendum in a week's time will replace the irredentist articles in the Irish Constitution with a meaningless aspiration which recognises Ulster's British status; and that the Irish aim is to have Northern nationalists integrate into the Province for a generation. Then, who knows?

In Belfast yesterday, Tony Blair committed himself to the Union, proposing new safeguards against terrorism to reassure Unionists. Mr Trimble trusts him and calls on the Unionist community to do likewise. It is an awesome trust: it cannot be fudged, or spun, or finessed. This is substance. In return, Unionists must swallow the Good Friday agreement.

It offers the hope, hitherto always denied, that a reconciliation could be made between the descendants of the planters and those of the natives — now intricately interwoven, but divided by a dreary repetition of ancient wrongs; that mutual bigotry could melt, slowly, into civilised recognition of differing confessions. Beneath the ambiguous commitments, the cloudly rhetoric, the revolting concessions, is a desire for peace. But that desire must be linked to a recognition of the need for constitutional clarity that peace has always needed.

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Don't make sport of us

Half-witted 'new lads' and football bores have hijacked intelligent debate

Matthew Parris

Down with football! Down with cricket! Down with rugby! Down with every little boys' game! Down with the advancing army of fo[illegible]-class [illegible] think: now socially acceptable to talk about sport!

Who will stand shoulder to shoulder with me against the embourgeoisement of sport? How many more articles in quality Sunday newspapers about the upward social mobility of football can we take? When are men of refinement and intellect going to stir themselves from a cowed and supine tolerance of braying laddishness and remember what we used to know in the school playground but seem to have lost the confidence to assert: that the celebration of physical prowess is a brutish pursuit: that beating people in fights and ball-games is the brute's way of winning; and that kicking, throwing, striking, catching, clubbing, knocking, potting, dribbling, batting or bowling spherical objects made of wood, leather, rubber or wind is a low-minded distraction from the proper objects of adult contemplation?

I was a speaker after dinner this week at a gathering of men and women of some consequence in the world of personal finance. These were professionals: clever and successful people engaged in occupations which called for thoughtfulness as well as mental agility. The men were wearing suits — well-cut suits. The women were chic. The venue was smart. The food was good. Fine wines were served. Conversation was intelligent and informed.

We had reached the last course: a delicious summer pudding with cream. You can picture the scene. I had yet to speak. And a woman came over to my table, an elegant lady in a little black dress. One could tell at once by her bearing and tone that she was someone who mattered, someone used to making decisions.

She walked up to me and she spoke. I could not *believe* what she said. I still cannot. She said: "I just thought you might like to know that Chelsea beat Stuttgart."

What? Chelsea? Stuttgart? Chelsea beat Stuttgart at what, pray?

"One-nil," she said. "Perhaps you could mention it in your speech. A lot of the lads here have made quite a sacrifice, coming out to dinner when they could have watched the game on television. They're all itching to know the result. You could announce it."

Well let's just get a few things clear. First, these were not "lads". They were middle-aged men. Secondly, I suppose I do know, if I think really hard about it, that Chelsea are a football team: I have met people who claim to have attended their matches. But I had no idea at all that Stuttgart were also a football team, nor that Chelsea were playing Stuttgart, nor where, nor why, nor whether football teams from England make a habit of playing teams from German towns, nor on what level or "league", nor according to what system they do so. I did not know whether this match was important to those who follow these matters, nor who was expected to win, nor what consequences would flow from the result.

Nor did I care. I do not know the rules of football, cannot remember whether there are 11 or 13 people in a football team, have no idea about scoring systems for leagues — or whatever they're called — and do not even know how long a football game lasts. I had to play football for six years at school but am pleased to say that I never noticed anything about it, as I thought the whole thing was stupid. So was cricket. So was rugby.

I still think it's stupid. When it is on television, I don't look. Whole swaths of the daily press are like black ice for me: my eye has only to pause momentarily on a sporting section to slide straight off it, unable to rest there even should I try. The whole idea of a "sporting section", I thought — like a special report on Tunisia or the Maltese economy — was so that you could pull it out and throw it away. When it's on the *Today* programme, I clean my teeth — saving the electric razor for *Thought For The Day*.

I am proud to report that I have never been present at a football match in my life, except to be filmed attending one for Granada television, in Newcastle. I seem to remember a team wearing black-and-white shirts, playing another team whose colours I forget. I forget the result, if I ever took it in. I was more interested in the fact that although it was a freezing midwinter day, many of the young male supporters wore only jeans and short-sleeved vests. They struck me as people of debased sensibilities. Their language was appalling.

When people talk about sport, I don't listen. When moved to mention it in newspaper articles, I ask my friend Pete for the facts and the lingo. As a journalist one is glad of chums prepared to degrade themselves gathering information in the nether worlds one does not inhabit — like briefing oneself on, say, dentistry, the legal profession, prostitution, agriculture, car crime or rocket science.

But something awful is happening. The nether world is rising up and seeping into the respectable world. Half-naked and hugging each other, this crowd are now all over our pitch. Smart people are talking about sport and watching football.

I do emphasise that talking and watching is all they are doing. It is hard to picture most of these expensively suited chaps squeezing into what I believe are called "strips" and actually running about a pitch. Citizens should be free to play any sport they wish to, of course; I myself used to enjoy running. But I never expected that anybody should wish to watch me running, or talk about me running, or indeed talk about anybody running.

It now seems the Establishment and middle classes are discussing little else but sport. A canter through the newspaper archives of the past couple of years, *avoiding* the sporting sections, reveals an invasion by football of the intelligent pages of our newspapers:

"They think it's all *oeuvre*" said a headline in this newspaper, on the arts pages. The subject was "the art world's infatuation with our beautiful game" — an exhibition called *Offside! Contemporary artists and Football* featured a painting of football shirts, entitled *Passion de multitude*. Are *Times* readers to take this seriously? Are we to take seriously the seemingly endless series of profiles of Nick Hornby? ("Last weekend," *The Observer* told us in an article entitled The Boy Done Good, "Nick Hornby phoned his mother and told her the good news. 'Mum, I'm going to buy you a fish and chip shop'...")

There was a time when, in respectable company, a chap would have hesitated to mention that he was not a heterosexual. These days there's no problem about that. Instead we hesitate to admit we are not football supporters. Is unsportiness the new social taboo? Are there clubs where we who remain unaroused by soccer can meet?

And now the worst news of all. Gay men are getting interested in football. News of gay soccer (and rugby!) teams has started popping up in newspapers and magazines for homosexual readers. What a catastrophe. One became a homosexual to get away from this sort of thing. If being gay does not give you a passport out of football-land, I begin to wonder what is the point of it.

With the World Cup bearing down on us, a sort of ice age for people with minds is on its way, and hibernation could be the only way out. Yesterday's *Times* Diary reports: "Ronaldo may be the finest ballsmith in the world but his fame does not seem to be universal. When Pope John Paul II met him this week, he inquired 'and what do you do?'"

Well, along with his Holiness (but not, it seems, with our Diarist), I do not know what Ronaldo does. I may have to become a Catholic.

Holy fans

BRITAIN'S two most senior churchmen are bunking off a happy-clappy protest meeting at the weekend to support their favourite teams in the Cup Final at Wembley. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and Cardinal Basil Hume were invited earlier this year to join the 30,000 people who will form a human chain around the conference centre for the G8 summit in Birmingham. But the event, to highlight Third World debt, clashes with the climax of the footballing calendar on Saturday afternoon when Newcastle confront Arsenal. Hume is a devoted fan of the Magpies, while Carey roots for the Gunners. Both are sending messages of support to the protesters, but the event's organisers are unhappy that their star guests are not taking part: "They were invited but both have now pleaded a prior engagement," said a large pair of sandals. "I just hope they will be holding up one of our banners at the match." Unless they are black-and-white or red, it's unlikely.



DIARY

● *AFTER the billion-dollar success of the movie* Titanic, *a film company is planning a spoof. The comedy features the fictitious voyage of the* Gigantic, *a ship that rivalled the* Titantic *but, because she was two-and-a-half inches shorter, received no publicity. After overtaking the* Titanic, *causing her to hit an iceberg, the* Gigantic *meets her own untimely end when she collides with a reef and sinks.*

Bye, possums

DAME EDNA EVERAGE'S musical, bankrolled by Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, is to close. After three months the final curtain will descend on *New Edna — the Spectacle* at the Haymarket in June. Despite Archer and two associates investing £521,000 in the vehicle for Barry Humphries's enduring creation, the show has received mixed reviews and has been playing to three-quarters-full houses. Demand during the summer was weak. Dame Edna's last West End show ran for nine months. "We were hoping the show would run a bit longer. But it hasn't been too bad for me financially," Archer admits. I suspect he felt the project had reached the point where it deserved not a penny more, not a penny less.

● *THE Royal Shakespeare Company is giving Hillary Clinton a souvenir of her visit to the G8 summit meeting in Birmingham: a costume from a production of* As You Like It *worn by Hymen, the goddess of marriage.*



Dame Edna: show's over

Party pooper

HYWEL WILLIAMS, the author of *Guilty Men*, the account of the Conservatives' fall from grace, left the party in 1995. "I resigned after Major beat John [Redwood]," he says. "I knew then that the party was dead and buried." But Williams was still prepared to act as Redwood's cheerleader for the party leadership for a second time in 1997. Why? "Loyalty is important and the leadership is what John craved. You don't have to be a party member to see it needs a leader."

● *HMG's culture vultures have been out in force at Cannes. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, and Tom Clarke, his sidekick, have been sashaying down* La Croisette *with two officials each in tow. The bureaucrats appeared to have little to do until an urgent call went out for suncream when Clarke went bright red after receiving too many Mediterranean rays.*

Take notes

TONY BLAIR is due to give a special copy of the notebooks of Aleksandr Pushkin to Boris Yeltsin during the G8 weekend in Birmingham. The limited edition of the 18 notebooks contains sketches, diary appointments, expenses and early drafts of his work scribbled between 1817 and his death in 1837. Pushkin's doodlings have been turned into a fine set of volumes in a project backed by the Prince of Wales after he viewed the orginals in St Petersburg. By tradition, Russians are not allowed to sit down in the presence of Pushkin's manuscripts: one hopes an exception is made for Yeltsin.



Pushkin: diary doodlings

EDWARD WELSH

Philip Howard



■ Give the dogs of war a bone

The mercenary wears two faces. Whether he is perceived as a good guy or a bad guy depends on who is paying his wages. No money: no Swiss. The Pope's Swiss Guard is a decadent old pikestaff's network from the centuries when the Switzers were hired out by their cantons. They sent their wages home to their formidable Swiss mothers up the Alps, obeying their national slogan of One for All and All for Mum. On stage they formed the bodyguard of Hamlet's bad uncle Claudius, and at the Tuileries they died to the last man for Louis XVI. As canny mercenaries, the Swiss may have reckoned that the sans-culottes would cut their throats rather than pay them. Today British and Serbs are reckoned the best mercenaries with their Kalashnikovs. And mercenary has been devalued from an heroic epithet to an insult.

All that a mercenary's name signifies is that he takes money (for his skill at killing). I know very few (come to keyboard it, who they?) people who manage their long campaigns through life without taking any wages. And stones, swords and then guns for hire were part of life and death from the earliest days ing armies. Such mercenaries were heroes. Xenophon's Ten Thousand Greeks marched in heavy armour into Persia to try to win the throne for Cyrus Junior, and their *Anabasis* or march back to the Sea, the Sea, is one of the earliest adventure stories of mercenaries. The Wild Geese, Jacobite Irishmen with more aggression than prospects, fought for anyone who would pay them after they had been beaten at home by King Billy.

Culloden was a battle in which Hanoverian mercenaries beat Highland natives. As usual, the mercenaries were better armed and better led. But after Culloden the Black Watch was formed to police the Highlands. Its men were the only natives allowed to carry arms and wear the kilt north of the Highland Line. They were black Campbells, Protestants and mercenaries. But the trade of the dogs of war looks both ways. After spilling quantities of, blood, much of it their own, the Black Watch was taken into the British Army as the Highland Regiment. For then the boundary between mercenaries and regular soldiers was blurred. And standing armies were considered as dangerous as mercenaries, particularly by taxpayers.

The calling of mercenary "pejorated", in the linguists' jargon, after the Hundred Years' War. Europe was overrun by thousands of men who had been trained for nothing but fighting. Often their employers were unwilling or unable to pay them. Professional killers are likely to be even more brutal, greedy and undisciplined than the rest of us. Mercenaries were capable of deserting for a pay rise on the eve of battle, betraying their patrons, and pillage, plunder and rape of civilians. Such behaviour was what led Niccolò Machiavelli to write in his manifesto for the new *Prince*: "In times of peace mercenaries plunder, and in times of war they desert."

The notion of mercenaries as unprincipled killers became the party line once nations had standing armies. In his speech on the Boston Massacre, following the Tea Party, John Hancock slagged off mercenaries as men who had given up their own liberties, and envied those who enjoyed liberty. "They are equally indifferent to the glory of a George or a Louis; who, for the addition of one penny a day to their wages, would desert from the Christian cross and fight under the crescent of the Turkish sultan." But of course, in the American War of Independence, there were mercenaries fighting on all sides, English, French, Colonial and even Spanish. Alongside the Germans, Irish and other soldiers of fortune, there were Native Americans, who realised too late that as mercenaries they were selling their ancestral land and liberties as well as their warriors.

Literature as well as life was easier before mercenaries became embarrassing. Millionaire modern screen mercenaries such as Sylvester Stallone have to zap inhuman aliens. For Apaches and dim drums throbbing the Limpopo no longer provide acceptable baddies for Sanders of the River. Mercenaries are still needed. But at least one thing stays fixed. These usable hired guns are irresponsible and deniable. That is their virtue, in fiction and fact.

BEGINNING OF THE END

Every hour that Suharto stays adds to Indonesia's agony

The Indonesian revolution has begun. What started as student protests has crossed the political threshold and turned into a nationwide uprising, accompanied increasingly by the violent breakdown of civil order. President Suharto, who wrested power from Sukarno 32 years ago with a political purge that cost a million lives, has banked too long on political passivity, and on the deep-seated fear of bloodshed that the scars of that tragic turmoil embedded in his people. With poor urban rioters looting and burning their way across Jakarta yesterday, a nation which has been systematically depoliticised for three decades appears to be shedding every last shadow of deference and restraint. What has so far averted the worst is that although live ammunition has been used as well as rubber bullets, and armoured personnel carriers have been deployed, restraint now seems to be the order of the day in the military.

That may be because General Wiranto, the Defence Minister, has a shrewd understanding of his conscript soldiers, whose own families have been cheering the students on. His troops obeyed orders to shoot students only days ago; but now units of both police and army have been joking with them on street corners, a sign that they could refuse to spill more blood for this discredited regime. The students' hope that the military would turn against President Suharto could yet come true. General Wiranto has ringed key buildings, but declined to impose a curfew and deployed his forces with selective prudence. Intriguingly, the crack Strategic Reserve commanded by General Prubowo Subianto, the President's son-in-law, has been all but invisible. The main anxiety of all Indonesia's major power-holders is apparently to be seen to keep their options open.

The power vacuum is so complete that it is unclear what authority could now channel "people power" back in the direction of a peaceable change of regime — and contain the daily escalating risk of a repetition of the anti-Chinese pogroms of the 1960s. But, with even the television stations owned by the President's own children running graphic reports of the riots and his former ministers and close allies demanding his removal, the inevitability of change can no longer be in doubt. Economic pain lit the tinder; but the demand is no longer for palliatives to soften the shock of financial crisis. It is for the removal of the President, his family and the privileged clique surrounding them whose corrupt profiteering and mismanagement brought this crisis about in the first place.

Western leaders gathered in Birmingham today should recognise that, in the name of stability, Suharto has to go. A change of regime will not pull Indonesia apart. The country has rarely been more united than it is now; from Medan in northern Sumatra to Jayapura at the other end of the archipelago, the students have articulated a common disgust. Foreign leaders should be encouraged, too, that earlier undertones of religious animosity have subsided in the national emergency. Nuns have joined hands with Muslim girls in headscarves at campus rallies, and Amien Rais, the articulate leader of the 25-million-strong Muhammadiyah movement, has appealed for Muslims, Christians and Hindus to unite in the common democratic cause.

A ritual plea for restraint on all sides would do more harm than good. Matters are too advanced for diplomatic bromides. The G8 would be better advised to seek an interlocutor sufficiently respected to assume interim control after the President's voluntary or enforced resignation, pending elections. The fact that there is no obvious successor — there rarely is in regimes where ageing oligarchs have frozen out any potential political rival — is no argument now for sticking with the devil they know.

ALL CHANGE AT SOCIAL SECURITY

A traditionalist is needed to sell welfare reform

Westminster is abuzz with reshuffle speculation. Will Tony Blair put ministers out of their misery before the Whitsun recess? Or will he wait until July? One thing seems certain: he will replace Harriet Harman at Social Security with someone better able to sell radical reform of welfare.

Ms Harman has not done as badly as her detractors claim. She has been willing to think the unthinkable — so willing, indeed, that Treasury officials have been pinching themselves. But her biggest mistake was not to question Gordon Brown's decision to cut lone-parent benefit; a move that ran counter to all the principles on which their Welfare to Work drive was supposed to be based. The resulting furore was the worst possible opening chapter for the more sweeping programme of welfare reform that Mr Blair seems determined to introduce.

Ms Harman has another handicap, though: she is new Labour through and through. That might seem an advantage to a Prime Minister who is determined to challenge the old Labour orthodoxies of redistribution and ever-higher benefit levels. But it leaves Mr Blair politically vulnerable. All the figures currently involved in welfare reform, from Frank Field through Ms Harman, Mr Brown and Mr Blair himself, are distrusted or even reviled by the Left. None of them will be able to persuade Labour traditionalists that such reform is either right or desirable. MPs will vote for the measures (if they do not rebel) only through *force majeure*. The Parliamentary Labour Party will become a sullen, rancorous grouping; and Labour activists in the country may follow their MPs' lead.

But the solution is not to appoint Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who is currently mooted as the most probable replacement for Ms Harman. Mr Darling is competent, intelligent and personable. But he too is an instinctive Blairite. And coming from the most penny-pinching job in government, he is bound to be seen as a Treasury stooge. Any fundamental reform that he proposed would be portrayed as a cuts-driven exercise and a betrayal of those most in need.

There is one man, however, who stands at least a chance of converting much of the Centre and the Left to Mr Blair's point of view. David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, is hugely trusted and admired, by MPs as well as activists. He has known poverty, disability and terrible misfortune, losing his father in an industrial accident when he was a child. And he represents a Sheffield inner-city constituency in which deprivation is rife.

Despite his blindness, Mr Blunkett has shown himself capable of the command of detail that Social Security entails. More important, he is able to articulate the "respectable" working-class philosophy that sees work as an opportunity to be grasped not shirked and seeks dignity through self-reliance rather than dependence.

The Education Secretary may be considered too valuable in his present job to be moved. But most of his intended reforms are already in train, in the School Standards and Framework Bill currently in the Lords. His Minister of State, Stephen Byers, thoroughly deserves promotion. Mr Blunkett should be freed to take on the greatest challenge of this Parliament — and possibly the next.

A B6 A DAY

Keeps little away if the dose is too small

American regulators are famously risk-averse. For fear of being sued, they err well on the side of caution. Yet vitamin B6 is allowed to be sold over the counter at doses of 100mg in the United States, ten times the British limit just brought in by the Food Safety Minister, Jeff Rooker. Yesterday three American experts rightly criticised the Government's decision to reduce the available dose. This is yet another example of ministers treating consumers like children.

Some three million Britons take regular doses of B6, 80 per cent of them women. The vitamin is effective in mitigating the symptoms of pre-menstrual tension, morning sickness and depression. Men take it to relieve stress and increase energy. It is also thought to reduce the risk of both Alzheimer's disease and heart attacks. Last year 2.5 million packs of the now-banned higher-dose B6 were sold.

Everyone agrees that very high regular doses of B6, of around 2,000mg a day, can be dangerous. They can lead to tingling in the hands and feet, loss of sensation and muscle weakness. What is disputed is the level of the weakness. What is disputed is the level of the maximum safe dose. Mr Rooker has cited in support of his ban one study claiming that 50mg of the vitamin a day was capable of causing such symptoms. But many scientists have disputed its methodology and point to other studies showing the vitamin to be safe at much higher doses.

An authoritative report from the US National Academy of Sciences, published last month, concluded that 100mg a day was perfectly safe. One of yesterday's visiting scientists, Professor Robert Reynolds of the University of Illinois, has been studying the effects of vitamin B6 for 20 years and has published nearly 40 papers on the subject: he has never seen a case of nerve damage in a patient taking 100mg a day, ten times the level introduced by Mr Rooker for health shop sales.

The minister's move has caused justified fury among consumers, the very people he purports to protect. During the consultation period, some 100,000 protest letters were apparently sent to MPs, yet Mr Rooker took no heed. His stubbornness in the face of consumer resistance and scientific dispute casts doubt on his judgment.

People who take vitamin supplements are already likely to be interested in matters of health. They are intelligent enough to assess risks and balance them against benefits. Some might be prepared to trade tingly feet for relief from PMT. Others might reduce their dose if they suffered such side-effects, which are reversible. Most will experience no symptoms at all.

The basic principle, though, in a free country, should be that citizens be treated like grown-ups. They are, after all, allowed to drink, smoke, drive cars and use kitchen knives, all of which are more dangerous occupations than taking 100mg a day of vitamin B6. Mr Rooker should listen to these American scientists and quietly reverse his ban, before Britain really does deserve the moniker of a "nanny state".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Arms affair reply from Sierra Leone

From Mr Berthan Macaulay, QC, Special Legal Adviser, Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone

Sir, There have been various reports in British newspapers about the Sierra Leone Government and its activities when it was in exile. Some of these reports attribute statements allegedly made by ministers of the United Kingdom Government as well as some statements by officials of a company described as Sandline International. I have been authorised by the Sierra Leone Government to make the facts clear.

Between the overthrow of President Kabbah on May 25, 1997, and the date of the overthrow of the military regime on February 13, 1998, no state in the world recognised that regime. During the illegal rule President Kabbah attended the Commonwealth Conference as the Sierra Leone head of state and was so recognised by all the Commonwealth leaders including the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. President Kabbah may have had contractual relations with other persons or groups connected with Sandline, but at no time had he had any contractual relations with Sandline to supply arms to Sierra Leone.

It seems to me that the decision taken by some officials of the United Kingdom to inquire into the legality of the supply of arms to overthrow the illegal regime in Sierra Leone is inconsistent with the United Nations resolutions relating to the chaotic situation created by the rebels in Sierra Leone. The UN imposed several sanctions, including an embargo on arms. That embargo must be interpreted in the light of its objective; so interpreted, it meant that the embargo was directed at the illegal regime for the purpose of ensuring that that regime should not have further ammunition to suppress the people of Sierra Leone and to remain in power.

It was not directed to prevent the restoration of the elected government to Sierra Leone. In fact, the whole purpose of the resolution was to make it possible for the Government in exile and those who supported it to restore the democratic civilian government in Sierra Leone.

Therefore, assuming that it is true that some group or groups obtained arms to achieve an objective of the UN to remove the illegal regime and restore democracy in Sierra Leone, it cannot be said that this was a breach of the UN embargo on arms. That embargo was directed to the restoration of the democratically elected President. There is absolutely nothing in the resolution which limited the method or means by which this UN objective could be achieved.

Yours etc,
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Guma Building,
Lamina Sankoh Street,
Freetown, Sierra Leone.
May 13.

PVC toys

From Ms Madeleine Cobbing

Sir, Nigel Hawkes presents an incomplete picture of why the European Commission is proposing restrictions on soft PVC toys for infants (report, "EU official hunts rubber duck to near extinction", May 4). These are known to leak hazardous additives such as phthalate softeners, especially when chewed.

EU lawyers argue, as he reports, that restrictions on soft PVC cannot be justified by the evidence available. However, an EU scientific committee, after months of in-depth research, concluded in its report published last week that: "given ... the possible enhanced sensitivity of young children to the effects of phthalates, ... the low margin of safety ... gives reason for concern".

It is astounding that the toy industry continues to defend PVC in the face of this evidence. Their claim that no alternatives to PVC are available is misleading; Greenpeace has found infant toys and teethers made of other plastics on sale in several European countries, often made by the same manufacturers who are still selling products made of soft PVC in the UK.

The hazard presented by soft PVC toys is, in our view, completely avoidable. There can be no justification for the British Government delaying action to protect infants and children from this unnecessary exposure to hazardous chemicals.

Yours sincerely,
MADELEINE COBBING
(European co-ordinator on *PVC issues*),
Greenpeace International,
Canonbury Villas, N1 2PN.
May 11.

From Mr Oliver Chastney

Sir, Having faithfully shared and enjoyed my bath with the same plastic duck for almost half a century without apparent injury or ailment, I can't tell you how comforting it is to know that the EU Commissioner, Dr Emma Bonino, has "invoked emergency powers" in her attempt to safeguard me from such foolhardy activities.

How, safely, am I to dispose of said duck?

Yours faithfully
OLIVER CHASTNEY,
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May 4.

'Qualified failure' of cancer research

From Lord Baldwin of Bewdley

Sir, The chief executives of the Institute of Cancer Research and of the Royal Marsden NHS Trust (letter, May 8) jointly call in aid the track record of the big cancer centres as "evidence of the value of combining size with focus and dedication".

For a profession which has spent billions of pounds over many decades for results described in a major review in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 1986 as a "qualified failure" (a phrase confirmed in an update last year), this is pretty daring. If there were shareholders or an electorate to satisfy I wonder if they would trumpet their record so publicly.

I asked in a parliamentary debate on breast cancer four years ago "what other profession could show such calm assurance in the face of so many years of conspicuous failure, and still retain the respect of government and public". In asking it again, I of course acknowledge the survival gains of a few percentage points here and there, and rather more in some of the less common cancers.

Any saving of lives is important. But if this is the best that can be achieved by the "alpha-grade projects" to which the director-general of the Cancer Research Campaign refers (report, April 30) in the so-called centres of excellence, is it not high time to throw the field open to others with more innovative ideas, and not necessarily those that are pharmaceutically based? Or does accountability in this field mean nothing?

Yours faithfully,
BALDWIN of BEWDLEY
(Joint Chairman, Parliamentary Group for Alternative and Complementary Medicine),
House of Lords.
May 10.

Stuart succession

From Mr H. B. McKenzie Johnston

Sir, Both the letters you publish today on the Stuart succession refer to the claim of the Duke of Bavaria to our throne.

During the early 1970s I was consul-general in Munich and met the then Duke, Prince Albrecht, many times. This delightful elderly man treated the subject with gentle amusement, particularly when Jacobites insisted on calling on him to express their support.

I am sure he would have been a popular sovereign over here; but, far from having any desire to supplant our Queen, he went to great trouble to prepare a suite in the Nymphenburg Castle for her occupation during her planned visit to the Olympic Games in 1972. Alas, she had to cancel this after the tragic death of Prince William of Gloucester a few days before her arrival.

I feel sure that his equally charming son, Franz, the present Duke, would take the same attitude, although he too would have no difficulty in capturing the hearts of our Queen's subjects.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY McKENZIE JOHNSTON,
6 Pembroke Gardens, W8 6HS.
May 11.

From Mr Donald Foreman

Sir, Magnus Linklater, in his article of May 7, is no doubt right to draw attention to the colour and romance which is attached to the Stuart dynasty and contrast this with the comparatively dull Hanoverians.

However, it could be argued that if it were not for the staid and modest first three Georges Britain might eventually have suffered the kind of revolution which brought such misery to France and destroyed her monarchy. And the flamboyant fourth George can scarcely be described as "dour and unimaginative".

Yours faithfully,
DONALD FOREMAN
(Secretary),
The Constitutional Monarchy Association,
PO Box 430, Chingford, E4 9SQ.
May 8.

From Mr G. S. Keay

Sir, Where does Magnus Linklater get the idea that the throne of Scotland is vacant?

Have I missed an abdication?

Yous faithfully,
G. S. KEAY,
35 Viewlands Terrace,
Perth PH1 1BZ.
May 7.

Falklands future

From the Vice-Chairman of the Falkland Islands Association

Sir, The second half of 1998 promises to be eventful for the Falkland Islands, with the commencement of oil drilling in the ocean north of the islands and the proposed visit by President Menem to Britain, probably in November.

While welcoming the improving bilateral relations between Britain and Argentina, this association continues to share the concern of islanders that they be permitted to determine their own future, free from pressure from any quarter. We are grateful for the public assurances which the Prime Minister made in his new year message and are encouraged by the successful visit to the islands by Mr Tony Lloyd, the FCO Minister, last month.

It is unfortunate that the Argentine press continues to ignore official British statements that sovereignty will not be discussed during the President's visit to London. The continuous hyping of expectation among the Argentine public is part of the campaign to allow Menem so to manipulate the new Constitution as to allow him to stand for re-election for another term as President.

The consequences of this heightened expectation can only be disillusionment in Argentina when the suggestions that the visit will bring important advances on the Argentine sovereignty claim are shown to be empty. This will inevitably lead to a worsened relationship between Argentina and Britain, defeating the purpose of the President's visit.

Not for the first time the Falkland Islanders will bear the consequences of domestic Argentine political opportunism. If the British Government cannot persuade the Argentine Government formally to dampen expectations they should give serious thought to postponing the invitation, on the grounds that it will not serve the intended purpose of lessening tension and improving relations.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT ELGOOD,
Vice-Chairman,
The Falkland Islands Association,
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Westminster, SW1P 4PB.
May 8.

School's 'bottom line'

From the Minister of State at the Department for Education and Employment

Sir, I share General Sir John Akehurst's frustration that money is not getting through to the classroom in the school of which he is chairman of governors (letter, May 12).

The fact is that the Government this year — for the first time in many years — fully funded the teachers' pay increase. We provided Wiltshire with an extra £7.4 million specifically for education — an increase of 5.2 per cent over the previous budget. Yet Wiltshire has increased its education budget by just 2.2 per cent for 1998-99. This means that, of the £7.4 million the Government has provided, Wiltshire is spending only £3.1 million on the schools budget. Sir John should be questioning Wiltshire County Council as to the reasons for their failure to pass on this money to their schools.

The Government is developing plans to increase the proportion of national income spent on education and the share of the education budget which goes directly to schools. But it is quite wrong for an LEA which gets an above-inflation grant increase specifically for education not to spend it on the purpose for which it was provided.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN BYERS,
Department for Education and Employment,
Sanctuary Buildings,
Great Smith Street, SW1P 3BT.
May 12.

Lawspeak

From Mr David G. Downton

Sir, I see from a report in the Law section of *The Times* of May 12, headed "Voyage of frivolous discoveries", that a book has been launched to enable clients to understand the advice given to them by lawyers.

My advice to any client contemplating the purchase of this book is to change his or her lawyer.

Yours faithfully,
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(solicitors),
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May 12.

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Away the lads

From Mr Desmond Armour

Sir, While watching a repeat of *Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads?* on television the other night, I was struck by the comparison between it and its present-day equivalent, *Men Behaving Badly*.

Bob and Terry were just as passionate about football, girls and having the odd pint or two yet their passion seemed not to need the moronic, drunken hedonism of Gary and Tony, whose scant and vulgar regard for the opposite sex would have been unthinkable to the earlier characters.

I know times change; today it is called "laddish" and is supposed to be acceptable behaviour. But I know whose company I would rather be in if they were all in my pub.

Yours truly,
D. B. ARMOUR,
2 Mundens Lane, Alweston,
Sherborne, Dorset DT9 5HU.
May 11.

Morale amid the Abbey discord

From Mr Roger Cleverdon

Sir, I write on behalf of all the 12 adult members of Westminster Abbey Choir to deplore the attempts by various parties in your pages (letters, May 2, 7 and 9) to portray the dismissal of Martin Neary and his wife as symptomatic of a wider movement by the Anglican clergy to undermine the great tradition of music in our cathedrals and choral foundations.

I can testify to the support, both financial and moral, given to the Abbey's musicians by the Dean and Chapter — not least in their funding of the choristers' education at what is the sole remaining specialist choir school in the country.

Despite the current situation, and contrary to received opinion, our morale is high; we continue to make music to the best of our ability and to the glory of God.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER CLEVERDON,
The Lay Vicars' Vestry,
The Song School,
Westminster Abbey, SW1P 3PA.
May 13.

From Mr Christopher Morcom, QC

Sir, The letter from Canon Harvey and other members of the Westminster Chapter (April 28) reveals a remarkable state of affairs.

I understand that at the hearing into the allegations against Dr and Mrs Neary, the prosecutor was none other than Canon Middleton, one of the signatories to the letter, who thus admits — indeed proclaims — that he took part in the decision of the Chapter to dismiss the Nearys. Is there any other tribunal in the land in which the prosecutor assumes the role of judge?

Another interesting question is whether any of the other three canons who signed the letter was actually present at the hearing which led to the decision in which they purported to participate.

To a mere lawyer, who has just a little knowledge of the principles of natural justice, the situation is somewhat curious, to say the least.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER MORCOM,
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Gray's Inn, WC1R 6BH.
May 7.

From Mrs Michael Middleton

Sir, As any clergy spouse will tell you, you live in the house provided. And even in a beautiful setting like Westminster Abbey, gardens do not grow on trees. So you wait.

Happily, on August 21 last year, long before the Neary scandal, we learned of the possibility of our moving this coming October to a house with a garden. Thus your insinuation (Diary, May 12) that I wanted the Nearys' garden is both untrue and deeply hurtful.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE MIDDLETON,
8 Little Cloister,
Westminster Abbey, SW1P 3PL.
May 13.

Sherborne Missal

From Mrs Allison Walker-Morecroft

Sir, Has anyone suggested that the precious Sherborne Missal be returned to the Benedictine order for which it was created (report and photographs, May 12)?

Yours faithfully,
ALLISON WALKER-MORECROFT,
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Norwich, Norfolk NR4 7AN.
May 13.

Unsought honour

From Canon John Oates

Sir, Flattered though I was that an earlier letter of mine (April 20) had evoked the offer of encouragement and rather expensive help in compiling my autobiography (letters, May 1 and 11), I had to make clear that any agreement on my part would be entirely conditional on the guarantee of the Editor of *The Times* that he would serialise the masterpiece.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN OATES,
St Bride's, Fleet Street, EC4Y 8AU.
May 12.

From Mr David Edwards

Sir, A letter you published from me some seven years ago, on the subject of my mother boiling her alarm clock to make it work, caught the eye of CNN Television, who promptly featured *The Times* letters page, co-starring my letter and myself.

I also received an unsolicited copy of the *Church Times*.

Yours sincerely,
D. J. EDWARDS,
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Southsea, Hampshire PO5 2JE.
May 8.

From Mr Tim Craig

Sir, God forbid that anyone should agree to frame acknowledgements of letters of mine that have not been published (Canon Charles Taylor's letter, May 11). I'd have to rent the Albert Hall.

Yours faithfully,
TIM CRAIG,
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May 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 14: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Lord Hoyle (Lord in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Sir Frank Roberts (formerly Ambassador to West Germany) which was held in St Margaret's Church Westminster Abbey, London SW1, today.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Professor Alan Watson.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Air Vice-Marshal Peter Harding (former Defence Services Secretary) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Air Vice-Marshal Sir Alan Boxer (formerly Defence Services Secretary) which was held in St John the Baptist Church, Boldre, Lymington, Hampshire, this afternoon.

Mr Robert Taylor (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands) was present at Birmingham International Airport this evening upon the Arrival of The President of the United States of America and welcomed The President on behalf of Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 14: The Prince of Wales today visited the North York Moors and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

His Royal Highness this morning visited Glaisdale and received a briefing on improvement work to the River Esk.

The Prince of Wales afterwards visited a small upland farm at Castleton to view conservation work being undertaken there and on the moorland by the National Park Authority.

His Royal Highness later met community policing representatives at the Duke of Wellington public house in Danby.

The Prince of Wales subsequently met local representatives of community groups at Danby Village Hall and launched the North York Moors Farm and Rural Community Scheme.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Moors Centre, Danby, and met children involved in educational projects.

The Prince of Wales afterwards visited Skiplam Wood and received a briefing on the commercial forestry industry of the moors.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 14: The Duke of York this evening attended a Dinner given by the Canada Club at the London Marriott Hotel, Duke Street, London W1.

May 14: The Princess Royal this morning visited the East Cheshire Hospice, Millbank Drive, Macclesfield, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenat of Cheshire (Mr William Bromley Davenport).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Quarry Bank Mill Trust, afterwards opened the Steam Power Gallery at Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

The Princess Royal, Patron, this afternoon attended the Spring Scientific Meeting of the Intensive Care Society at the Stakis Hotel, North Promenade, Blackpool, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire (the Lord Shuttleworth).

Her Royal Highness later visited Runshaw College, Langdale Road, Leyland, Lancashire.

The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this evening attended a Dinner at Adlington Hall, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 14: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, *this morning visited* Conwy Lifeboat Station and was received by Her Majesty's *Lord-Lieutenant* of Gwynedd (Mr Meuric Rees).

This afternoon His Royal Highness *visited Llandudno Lifeboat Station,* Gwynedd.

The Duke of Kent later visited Rhyl Lifeboat Station and Flint Lifeboat Station and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Clwyd (Sir William Gladstone, Bt).

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 14: Princess Alexandra, President, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Reception and Dinner in support of Sight Savers International at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London, SW7.

Royal engagements

The Duke of York will open the new Elizabeth Marina, St Helier, Jersey, at 4.00. Later, as patron, will attend a dinner given by the Royal Jersey Golf Club, at the Royal Hotel, St Helier, at 7.45.

The Princess Royal, as president, Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend the Rea Valley Group 25th anniversary celebrations and open a new building at Berriewood Stud Farm, Condover, Shrewsbury, at 10.00; as patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will attend the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Shrewsbury bureau at 12-17 Cross Hill, at 11.35; as patron, the Development Trust (for the Mentally Handicapped) will open a new respite home at Crowmere Road, at 12.15; will open a printing press at the *Shropshire Star*, Ketley, Telford, at 1.25; and will visit the Lady Forester Day Care Centre, Broseley, at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, as president, RNLI, will visit New Brighton Lifeboat Station, Merseyside, at 9.20, Hoylake Lifeboat Station, at 10.25, and West Kirby Lifeboat Station, at 11.35.

Birthdays today

Miss Zara Phillips is 17 today.

Professor Sir James Baddiley, FRS, biochemist, 80; Sir William Batty, former chairman, Ford Motor Company, 85; Mr D.M. Boston, former director, Horniman Museum, 67; Dame Eugenia Charles, former Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica, 79; Lord Darling, 79; Mr Ted Dexter, former chairman, England committee, TCCB, 63; Professor T.M. Dexter, FRS, haematologist, 53; Mr Peter Ellwood, chief executive, Lloyds TSB Group, 55; the Hon Sir David Gore-Booth, diplomat, 55; Mr R.A. Hough, writer, 76; Mr John Lanchbery, conductor, 75; Lord McDonald, 82; Sir Frederick Mason, former diplomat, 85; Mrs Angela Read, former Headmistress, Felixstowe International College, 48; Professor P.A. Reynolds, former Vice-Chancellor, Lancaster University, 78; Mr Anthony Shaffer and his twin brother Mr Peter Shaffer, playwrights, 72; Professor R.S.J. Sparks, FRS, geologist, 49; Mr Ralph Steadman, cartoonist and illustrator, 62; Professor Sir Eric Stroud, paediatrician, 74; Sir David Trippier, former MP, 52.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Holt was christened Dorothy Elizabeth Vesey by the Rev Christopher Cooke at St Peter's, Wrockwardine, on Sunday, May 10. The godparents are Mr Simon Ellis, Mrs Charles Bathurst and Mrs Erin Kemahli.

Meeting

Atlantic Council
Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Lowry was the guest speaker at an Atlantic Council forum briefing held last night at Atlantic House.

Breakfast

Asian Business Breakfast Club
Mr Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was guest of honour at the Asian Business Breakfast Club's meeting held at the House of Commons yesterday by courtesy of Mr Tony Baldry, MP. Dato J.M. Amir, Malaysian High Commissioner, and Mr Gholam Reza Ansari, Charge d'Affaires at the Iranian Embassy, were present. Mr Sarosh Zaiwalla and Mr Baldry, co-conveners of the Asian Business Breakfast Club, welcomed the guests.

Memorial services

Sir Frank Roberts
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lord Hoyle at a service of thanksgiving for Sir Frank Roberts, diplomat, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. The Duke of Kent was represented by Professor Alan Watson.

Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by the Rev Michael Fuller, Priest-in-Charge of St George's, Campden Hill, and the Rev Jonathan Goodall, Chaplain and Sacrist of Westminster Abbey, who led the prayers.

Herr Karl-Günther von Hase, KCMG, GCVO, and Miss Nadia Nerina read the lessons. Sir Christopher Mallaby read from the works of John Donne and Sir Michael Burton gave an address.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir John Margetson. The Permanent Under-Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service attended. Among others present were:

Jacqueline Lady Kenilworth, Lord and Lady Kenilworth, Mr and the Hon Mrs Ian McCarraher, Surgeon Captain (D) and Mrs Peter Wrigley, Mr and Mrs James Wardle-Harpur, Mr and Mrs Roger Sibley, Mrs Joan Shoucair, Dr and Mrs Theo Roberts.

The French Ambassador, the Ambassador of Estonia, the Austrian Ambassador, the German Ambassador and Frau von Moltke, and other members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Mary Countess of Bessborough, Patricia Countess Jellicoe, the Earl and Countess of Limerick, Judith Countess of Listowel, the Countess of Munster, Major-General Lord and Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard, Viscount Leverhulme, KG, Viscount and Viscountess Norwich.

Lord and Lady Armstrong of Ilminster, Lord Blaker, Lord Borrie, QC, and Lady Borrie, Lord Bridges, Baroness Brigstocke with Mrs Valerie Mitchell (English-Speaking Union), Lord and Lady Campbell of Croy, Lord Chalfont, Lord Croham, Lord Dahrendorf, FBA, Lord and Lady Eden of Winton, Lord and Lady Erroll of Hale, Lord Ezra, Lord Gilbert, Lord Gladwyn, Lady Gore-Booth, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Stephanie Lady Hankey, Lord and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Lord Hussey of North Bradley, Lady Lever of Manchester, Baroness Rawlings, Lady Soames, Lady Thorneycroft, Lord Tugendhat, Lord and Lady Wright of Richmond.

Mr George Robertson, MP, Sir Michael and Lady Palliser, Sir Frank Cooper, Mr Aubrey Jones, Sir Nicholas Scott, the Hon Alex Hankey, the Hon Diana Makgill, Sir Peter Ramsbotham, the Hon Mrs Susan Baring, the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Dr the Hon Regine Low, Sir John Graham, Sir Peter and Lady Petrie, Sir Anthony and Lady Meyer.

Sir Antony Acland (Order of St Michael and St George), Sir Philip and the Hon Lady Adams, Sir John Aiken, Sir Michael and Lady Angus, Sir Ronald and Lady Arculus, Lady Barnes, Sir Stephen Barrett, Sir Nicholas Barrington, Sir Hugh Beach, Lady Bowker, Sir Nigel Broomfield, Sir Julian and Lady Bullard, Lady Burton, Sir Alan Campbell, Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, Sir Hugh Cubitt and Mr John Fingleton (The Pilgrims), Lady Dean, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Lady Dunnett, Sir Stephen Egerton (St Andrew's Trust).

Sir Edward Ford, Sir John and Lady Fretwell, Lady Gage, Sir Timothy Garden (Royal Institute of International Affairs) and Lady Garden, Sir Martin Gilbert, Sir Alexander and Lady Glen, Sir David and Lady Goodall, Sir Ronald Grierson, Sir Donald Hawley, Lady Hayter, Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson, Sir Reginald and Lady Hibbert, Sir Michael Howard, FBA, Sir Jeremy Isaacs, Sir Kenneth James, Sir Curtis and Lady Keeble, Sir John Killick, Sir Christopher Laidlaw, Sir John Lambert, Sir Peter and Lady Laurence, Sir John Leahy, Lady Lidderdale, Sir Sydney and Lady Lipworth, Sir Trevor and Lady Lloyd-Hughes, Vice-Admiral Sir Ian and Lady McGeoch, Lady Mallaby.

Sir Peter Marshall, Sir Laurence Martin, Lady Melville, Sir David Miers, Sir John and Lady Morgan, Sir Michael and Lady Newington, Sir Duncan Oppenheim, Sir Patrick Reilly, Lady Renouf, Sir Brooks and Lady Richards, Sir John Richards, Sir Clive Rose, Lady Ross, Lady Rowan, Sir Andrew and Lady Stark, Sir Jock and Lady Taylor, Sir Donald and Lady Tebbit, Sir Edward Tomkins, Sir Cyril Townsend (Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding), Lady Villiers, Sir Robert and Lady Wade-Gery, Sir Peter and Lady Wakefield, Dame Anne Warburton, Sir Edward and Lady Warner, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil and Lady Wheeler, Sir Oliver Wright.

Mr André Bénard, KBE, and Mrs Bénard, Prince Mohshin Ali Khan, Princess Yuri Galitzine, Countess de Lasta, Baron De Ruyter, the Count de Grandy, Count Arnulf Grote, Countess Antje Grote, Countess Isabelle Grote, Baron and Baroness Rothschild, Baron Vaes.

Professor G C Allen, Mr and Mrs Anthony Andrews, Mr A Arthur, Mr and Mrs I Baillie, Mrs Jon Bannenberg, Mrs Odette Bazil, Mrs J A Briance, Mr Alan Brooke Turner, Mrs J A Burns, Mr Christopher Campbell, Mrs Pamela Carden, Mr and Mrs Hugh Carless, Mrs M Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mr George Chowdharay-Best, Mrs John Churchill, Mr and Mrs Peter Clarke, Mr John Colvin, Professor James Coveney, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Quentin Davies, MP, Mr Robert de Stacpoole, Mr and Mrs Piers Dixon, Mr J A Dobbs, Mr and Mrs Denis Doble, Miss Anne Dreydel, Mrs E G Ducker, Mr John Duckworth, Mr and Mrs Peter Durlacher, Mr Hugh Dykes, Mr and Mrs Robert Elphick, Mr Nigel Forman, Mr Christopher Gandy, Mr David Gladstone.

Mr Charles Gordon, Major-General B C Gordon Lennox, Mr Colin Gordon, Mr Robin Gorham, Mr and Mrs Peter Grant, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr W Percy Grieve, QC, Mr Henry Hainworth, Dr and Mrs Fred Hamblin, Mr Charles Harding, Mr Ian Harrison, Mrs T Hope, Brigadier Kenneth Hunt, Mr John Hickman, Mr Robert Jackson, MP, Mr and Mrs Edward James, Group Captain T R Jones, Professor Michael Kaser, Mr and Mrs Laurence Kelly, Mr John Kelly, Mrs Maurice Kenig, Mr Keith Kyle, Mr and Mrs John Leech, Mr Michael Lewis, Mr and Mrs Anthony Loehnis, Lieutenant-Colonel M A Lowry, Mr G W Mallinckrodt, Ms Ruth Marron, Air Commodore and Mrs L G P Martin, Mr Philip Matthews, Mrs Leigh Maxwell.

Mrs Terence Maxwell, Mr C G Mays, Mr Iverach McDonald, Mr J H McEnery, Mr Peter McGregor, Mr Henry McKenzie Johnston, Mr Alan McLintock, Mr Leslie McLoughlin, Mr Edward Meyer, Miss M Mitchell, Dr Edwina Moreton, Professor R P Morgan, Mr and Mrs Terence Mullaly, Mr Paul Musson, Mr F R P Musson, Mr Michael Nelson, Mr R D C McAlpine, Mrs E J Oakeshott, Mr R J O'Neill, Mr Charles Osborn, Professor William Paterson, Dr and Mrs J Payan, Mr Robert Pilgrim, Mr Anthony Pragnell, Mr and Mrs T W Preston, Mr C S B Pyke, Mr and Mrs J M Ralsman, Dr Peter Read, Mrs R Rivett, Mr David Roberts, Mr J C Q Roberts.

Mr C F Rollo, Mrs Louise Rawlings, Mr and Mrs Norman Reddaway, Mr and Mrs John Robson, Mr Charles Rowan, Mr and Mrs David Royce, Dr and Mrs Rudd, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Rutherford, Mr Theo Rycroft, Mrs Julian Sack, Mr Carey Schofield, Mrs D E L Shankland, Miss Rosemary Spencer, Mrs Jack Steinberg, Mr David Stephens, Mrs H M Stoute, Mr Edward Streator, Mrs Edward Sutro, Mrs Ulla Thiessen, Dr J H Turnbull, Mr John Vernon, Mr Laurence Viney, Mr J P Waterfield, Mr Martin Watson, Mr Stephen Watson, Mrs Alana Watson, Professor and Mrs George Wedell, Mrs David Weeks, Mr B White, Mr and Mrs Colin Winsborrow, Mr and Mrs Robin Wyatt, Mr D J Wyatt, Mr Philip Ziegler.

Representatives of: Abingdon School, the Anglo-German Association, the Anglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society, the Atlantic Council, the Atlantic Council Education Advisory Committee, Barnardos, Bedales School, Bristol Anglo-German Society, Bristol-Hanover Council, British Polish Council, British Museum, British-German Association, British-Russia Centre, British Diplomatic Oral History Project, Byron Society, Churchill Archives Centre, Churchill College, Cambridge, Institute for German Studies, Demminez UK Oil and Gas, the Cookson Group, Council for Arms Control, European-Atlantic Group, Foundation for Youth, German Academic Exchange Service, German-British Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Hansard Society for Parliamentary Government, Imperial War Museum, Institute of US Studies, Institute of Cancer Research, International Chamber of Commerce, Königswinter Conference, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, London Europe Society, Old Boys Group of the Foreign Service, Old Rugbeian Society, Overseas Students' Trust, RAC, Rugby School, Save the Children, Standing Conference of Atlantic Organisations, TEAM (The European-Atlantic Movement), Trades Union Committee for European and Transatlantic Understanding, URENCO, and many other friends and former colleagues.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Alan Boxer
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Air Vice-Marshal Peter Harding at a memorial service for Air Vice-Marshal Sir Alan Boxer held yesterday at St John's, Boldre, near Lymington, Hampshire.

The Rev Malcolm Riches officiated, assisted by Canon Raymond Hubble. Mr Philip Boxer, son, read the lesson. Mr Peter Boxer, son, read *If* by Rudyard Kipling and Mrs Penny Hare, daughter, read from the works of Minnie Louise Haskins. Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges gave an address.

The Chief of the Air Staff was represented by Air Vice-Marshal G.E. Stirrup.

Major David Gibson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major David Gibson, former Senior Steward of the National Hunt Committee, was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The Rev L.H. Bryan officiated. Mr George Gibson, son, read *Footprints* and Mr Edward Gibson, son, read *What Is Dying* by Bishop Brent. Major-General Sir Philip Ward and Mr Martin Gibson, son, paid tribute.

Among others present were:
Mrs Gibson (widow), Mr and Mrs Robert Dalrymple (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Martin Gibson (daughter-in-law), Miss Jennifer Hassell (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Jonathan Patterson (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter), Mr and Mrs Simon Rhodes (stepson and stepdaughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Frank Homfray, Mr Simon Gibson, Mr John Homfray, Mr Bill Gibson, Mr Rupert Gibson.

The Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, the Countess of Albemarle, Lord Glendyne, Lord Aberdare, Lady Angela Oswald, the Hon Mrs Tower, Sir William Reardon Smith (chairman, Joseph Strong Frazer Trust), Sir Hew and Lady Anne-Louise Hamilton-Dalrymple, Lady Llewellyn, Sir Beville Stanier, Sir Michael and Lady Thomas, Sir James Malcolm, Lady Wills.

Lady Davis, Lady Graham (Farriers' Company), Sir Timothy Bevan, Sir Roderick Sarell, Sir Piers Bengough (representing the Jockey Club), Lady Ward, Lady Cresswell, Major-General Sir Digby and Lady Raeburn, Sir Gordon Shattock, Sir Richard Morris, Lady Guthrie.

Major-General and Mrs P R Leuchars, Brigadier M C Thursby-Pelham, Mr David Parkes, Brigadier and Mrs J Rickett, Brigadier Michael Lee, Mr John Fane, Colonel David Lewis, Mrs Ronald Buxton, Colonel S C C Gaussen, Lieutenant-Colonel Sandy Malcolm (Commanding Officer First Battalion Welsh Guards), Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Dawnay, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Stephens (Regimental Adjutant, Welsh Guards), Mr Michael Mates, MP, Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Humphries, Lieutenant-Colonel David MacDonald-Milner, Mr David Bond, Mrs Peter Beckwith-Smith, Ms Gigi Richardson, Mr Timothy P Neligan, Lieutenant-Colonel Newton Webb-Bowen, Mr Nicholas Whetherly, Professor and Mrs F R Bell, Mr Dick Kingzett.

Mrs James Gibson-Fleming, Mrs Edward Woodhouse, Mr and Mrs Clifford Sweet, Ms Gina Wentworth-Stanley, Mrs Priscilla Wentworth-Stanley, Mr Nicholas de Boinville, Mr David de Boinville, Captain R P Laurie.

Colonel Malcolm Havergal (Army Benevolent Fund), Mr Ian Bailey (director, Mercury Asset Management) with Mr Richard Nunneley; Colonel Robert Purvis (representing the musical director of Ross-on-Wye and District Choral Society and the President of the Herefordshire branch of the Royal British Legion).

Mrs Diana Pagan (Master, Farriers' Company) with Mr George Findlay; Mr Michael Winch (president, Walford and Bishopswood Conservatives) and Mrs Winch, Mr Peter Murphy (Wyndham Williams), Mr Andrew Young (representing the chairman and director of the RNLI), Mrs Ian Pearson (Hambledon North Pony Club), representatives of the Welsh Guards and the Royal Yacht Squadron and many other friends and former colleagues.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.H. Christie and Miss J.M. Norris
The engagement is announced between Rawdon, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Christie, of Worminghall, Buckinghamshire, and Jo, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Norris, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr R.E. Connor and Miss A.L. Wolff
The engagement is announced between Rupert Eldred, younger son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Roger Connor, of Little Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Amanda Lain, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Wolff, of Cincinatti, Ohio.

Mr J.R.J. Davy and Miss S.J. Wilson
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr John Davy, of Cartbridge, Surrey, and Mrs Susan Davy, of Parson's Green, London, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Wilson, of Speen, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr S.M. Fleming and Miss M.K. Haworth
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Fleming, of Leckwith, Cardiff, and Melinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Haworth, of Hannaford, North Devon.

Mr S.A.P. Mair and Miss L.J. Hutton
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Mair, of Lee Common, Buckinghamshire, and Louise, daughter of Mrs Judith Gardiner, of Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, and the late Mr Clive Hutton.

Mr T.J.S. Michelin and Miss C.B. Lane
The engagement is announced between Timothy, second son of Mr and Mrs Brian Michelin, of New Yarmouth, Jamaica, and Chantal, daughter of Mr Brian Lane, of Holland Park, London, and Mrs Elaine Caplan, of Oklahoma, USA.

Mr P.H. Towneley and Miss S.T. MacLeod
The engagement is announced between Peregrine, son of Sir Simon and Lady Towneley, and Sarah, daughter of Mr William MacLeod and Mrs Nicholas Marriner.

Mr R.A.J. Trotter and Miss K.A. Osborn
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Trotter, of Tetsworth, Oxfordshire, and Kim, second daughter of Mrs Patrick Osborn and the late Patrick Osborn, of Hatchford, Surrey.

Mr J. Dines and Miss A. Ridsdill Smith
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Dr and Mrs John Dines, of St Ippolyts, Hertfordshire, and Alice, daughter of Mr Christopher Ridsdill Smith and the late Mrs Ann Ridsdill Smith, and stepdaughter of Mrs Janet Ridsdill Smith, of Ridgewell, Essex.

Mr N.J.P. Pearson and Miss N.J. Holdsworth
The engagement is announced between Nicholas John Patrick, son of Richard Dillon Pearson and the late Patricia Mary Pearson, of Sheffield, and Nicola Jayne, eldest daughter of Christopher Holdsworth and Irene Holdsworth, of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr P.C.F. Woodford and Miss P.C. Morgan
The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of the late Lieutenant Colonel John Woodford and of Mrs Shirley Cloughton, of Woking, Surrey, and Polly, daughter of the late John Morgan, of Brecon, Powys, and of Mrs Frankie Merz, of Fulham, London.

Marriages

Mr S.J. Augustin and Miss S.F. Wickens
The marriage took place on Thursday, April 30, in Rome, of Stuart John Augustin, son of Mr Alan Augustin and Mrs John Wright, to Sarah Foster Wickens, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Wickens.

Mr S. Kaplan and Mrs W. Sainer
The marriage took place on May 14, at 6 Hamilton Place, W1, between Mr Sanford Kaplan, of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs Wendy Sainer, of Mayfair, London.

Mr B.A.C. Kingham and Miss M.W. Watson-Smyth
The marriage took place on Thursday, May 14, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Buckland, of Mr Brian Anthony Charles Kingham, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. Kingham, to Miss Marianne Wynne Watson-Smyth, fourth daughter of Mr E.M. Watson-Smyth, of Buckland, Oxfordshire, and of Mrs J. Townsend, of Kintbury, Berkshire. The Rev Colin Rudd officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Holly Scott-Russell. Mr James Mason was best man.

A family luncheon was held at Buckland Park and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Luncheons

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at City Hall. Among those present were:
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Michael Oliver, Air Vice-Marshal Michael J. Dicken, Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Ross, the Very Rev Dr Wesley Carr, Commodore C M J Carson, Rear-Admiral Kenneth Snow, Mr Kevin Taylor and Colonel D E A Tucker.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping
Mr Patrick O'Ferrall, Chairman of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Dr Tim Jones, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, LR Board members and Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Board yesterday gave a luncheon at Trinity House in honour of Mr Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. Among others present were:
The Ambassador of Argentina, the Ambassador of China, the Minister of Transport, the Hon David McAlpine, the Chief Executive of Lloyd's of London, the Director-General of the Health and Safety Executive, the Director of Safety Audit, P&O Steam Navigation Co, the Director of Shipping Policy, Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, the Rector of St Olave's, Hart Street, the Director of Embiricos Shipbrokers, the Executive Director of Contship Containerlines, the Chairman of the Pell Frischmann Group, the Executive Vice-President of Worldwide Development Amerada Hess, the Official Solicitor, the Director-General of Export Promotion, DTI, the Principal of Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Group Personnel Strategy Director of The Post Office, the Vice-President Shipping, Shell International Trading and Shipping Company, the Director of Lemos & Co, the Chairman and Chief Executive of Foresight, the Director of Strike Club Correspondents, the Managing Director-Europe of the Carnival Corporation, the Founder of the Ofer Group, the General Secretary of Numast, the Chairman of Papachristidis, the Underwriting and Claims Director of Eagle Star Insurance, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Kvaerner Masa-Yards, the Co-Head of MAM, Ms June Mendoza, Mr Bruce Farthing and Mr Charles Batchelor.

John Newton and Company
Mr Christopher Newton, Chairman and Managing Director, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Skinner's Hall to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of John Newton and Company. The Master of the Fanmakers' Company and representatives of leading organisations allied to the Building Industry were among the guests.

British Council
Dr David Drewry, Director-General of the British Council, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens to mark the signing of bilateral agreements between Britain and Canada in the fields of science and technology, aerospace collaboration, school internet links and scientific fellowships. Mr Tom McDonald, Minister (Commercial Economic) Canadian High Commission, and Dr Arthur Carty, Director of the National Research Council of Canada, were among those present.

Service luncheon

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)
Colonel H. Mackay presided at a luncheon of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club on the 30th anniversary of the disbandment of the 1st Battalion.

School news

Charterhouse
The following have been recommended for election to:
Major Foundation Scholarships
1 = J H G Bullock, Newland House; 1 = J W A Sheldon, Prebendal; 3 J C Patel, Cumnor House, Croydon; 4 G C W Earle, Milbourne Lodge; 5 J R Paterson, Charterhouse (Aldro); 6 T O M-H Maddison, Milbourne Lodge.
Foundation Scholarships
7 T A Wells, Milbourne Lodge; 8 T C Robinson, Cothill House; 9 A J Page, Charterhouse (Lambrook Haileybury); 10 C S McLaren, Aldro; 11 J W Bugden, Aldro; 12 L E Carpenter, The Hawthorns.
Exhibitions
N R I Bell, Aldro; N J Hatton, Lanesborough; D A Jones, Gayhurst; W T G Leszczynski, Windlesham House; N J H Stuart, St Edmunds.
Benn Scholarship
G C W Earle, Milbourne Lodge.
Art Scholarship
Charles Toller, Brambletye.
Music Scholarships
Peter Buisseret, The Prebendal School; Edward Burrowes, St Paul's Cathedral Choir School; Edward Fergusson, Handcross Park; Edward Lee, The Cathedral School, Salisbury; Charles Wallace, The Prebendal School.
The Peter Attenborough Award
Jack Sheldon, The Prebendal School.
Sir William Blackstone Award (for entry in 2000)
Henry Stannard, Newland House School.
Sixth Form Entry
Peter Newton Scholarships
Joanne Carlile, Southend High School for Girls; Ritchie Gale, Cove School, Farnborough; Kirsty Ross, Warblington School, Havant; Adam Walters, Coombeshead College, Newton Abbot.
Sir Robert Birley Scholarships
Laura Carr, Convent of Our Lady of Providence, Alton; Robin Emmerson, Elizabeth College, Guernsey; Emma Garner, Forest School, London; Faye Jones, The Abbey School, Reading.
Music Scholarships
Mark Evison, Dulwich College; Emma Garner, Forest School, London; Leonnie Graves, Nottinghill & Ealing High School.
The Peter Oundjian Strings Scholarship
Penelope Hewitt, Rosebery School, Epsom.

Exeter School
Scholarship Awards 1998
11+ Scholarships: Jingzhou He, Stoke Hill Middle School; Adam West, Exeter Preparatory School. **Exhibition:** Alice Aggett, St Bernard's School, Newton Abbot.
12+ Exhibition: Jonathan Farrell, Shebbear College.
13+ Scholarship: Robert Grieg-Gran, St Peter's School, Lympstone. **Marshall-Shaw Exhibition:** Steven Bailey, Exeter School.
Music Exhibitions: Robert Grieg-Gran, St Peter's, Lympstone; Georgia King, Manor House School, Honiton; Michael Parker, Sidmouth Community College.
Sixth Form Art Exhibition: Graham Olek, Exeter School.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Klemens Metternich, statesman, Koblenz, Germany, 1773; Pierre Curie, physicist, Nobel laureate 1903, Paris, 1859; James Mason, actor, Huddersfield, 1909.

DEATHS: Edmund Kean, actor, London, 1833; Herbert Wilcox, film producer, London, 1977; Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia 1939-41 and 1949-66, Melbourne, 1978; Rita Hayworth, film actress, New York, 1987.

James Puckle, a London lawyer, patented the machinegun, 1718.

The first package holiday arranged by Thomas Cook set off for Paris, 1861.

The Australian Flying Doctor service was launched by Dr Vincent Welsh, 1928.

Dinners

Canada Club
The Duke of York was a speaker at a dinner given by the Canada Club last night at the London Marriott Hotel in honour of the Prime Minister of Canada. The Canadian High Commissioner presided. Professor David W. Purdie, Head of Research at the Centre of Metabolic Bone Disease, Hull University, also spoke.

Lincoln's Inn
The Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, Sir Michael Ogden, QC, and the Masters of the Bench gave a dinner in Hall last night, it being Grand Day of Easter Term. Among those present were:
Lord Lane, Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, QC, Lord Wakeham, QC, Lord Neill of Bladen, QC, Sir Patrick O'Connor, Lady Justice Butler-Sloss (treasurer, Inner Temple), Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Otton, Judge Esyr Lewis, QC, Mr Phillip Sycamore, Count Albert de Borchgrave d'Altena, Judge Carlos Bea, Sir Thomas Legg, QC, Admiral Sir Peter Abbott, Sir Rodney Sweetnam, Dame Barbara Mills, QC, Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, Lady Ogden, Mr Christopher Daykin, Mr Alistair Horne, Professor Hamish Miles, the Right Rev Charles Fitzgerald-Lombard, OSB, Mr Maurice Cowling, Professor Andrew Burrows, Mr Edward Ogden and Colonel D H Hills (under treasurer).

Gresham College
Sir Adrian Cadbury delivered the Gresham Special Lecture, "The Future for Governance: The Rules of the Game", on Tuesday evening at the Mansion House and was the guest of honour at a dinner given afterwards at Barnard's Inn Hall, London, EC1, by Mr Francis Baden-Powell, Chairman of the Council of Gresham College.

Society of Merchants Trading to the Continent
Lord Hesketh was guest of honour at a dinner the Society held yesterday at Boodle's. Mr Rupert Hambro presided.

United Oxford & Cambridge University Club
Dr Gwyn Prins, Senior Research Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, was the principal speaker at a dinner discussion of the United Oxford & Cambridge University Club held last night at the club house. Mr Bruce Williams, chairman, presided. Lieutenant General Scott Grant, Commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies, presided at the discussion.

General Dental Council
The President, Dr Margaret Seward, with Professor Gordon Seward and Members of the General Dental Council gave a dinner on Tuesday, May 12, at 37 Wimpole Street, London. The principal guests were:
Rabbi Julia Neuberger (Chief Executive of the King's Fund), Mr David Lloyd (former President of the British Dental Association) and Dr Ian Watson (Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow).

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God's divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and true religion, through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1 : 3.

BIRTHS

BAIRD - On May 13th, to Nichola (née West) and Julian, a second son.

BEARDALL-EDMONDSON - On 7th April to Philippa-Jane and Lee, a son, Oliver Edward, a brother for Amelia-Ellen.

BUNNING - On 13th May 1998 at Queen Charlotte's, to Jon and Louise, a daughter, Lillie Grace, a sister for Toby, Jack and Tom.

BELL - On May 6th, to Rachael (née Shaw) and Jamie, a daughter, Cressida Elias Rosie.

BYAM SHAW-THAW - To Melanie Thaw and Matthew Byam Shaw, a daughter, Lola, a sister for Jack, on 3rd April 1998, at Queen Charlotte's.

CHALMERS - On Friday May 8th, to Julia (née Reginaki) and John, a son, Alasdair James.

EASTABROOK - On Monday 11th May, 1998, at The Royal London Hospital to Katherine (née Ryan) and Michael, a daughter Niamh.

FEAST - On May 8th, to Stuart and Lucinda (née Salz), a daughter, Louisa Emily Frances.

GOODWRIGHT - On May 12th, to Victoria (née Johnstone) and Timothy, a son, Daniel Robert. Delighted grandparents Peter and Norma and Pat J.

HESELTINE - On May 5th to Anne (née Greenshields) and Michael, a daughter, Emily Fay.

HALBERSTAM - On May 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Gaby and Simon, a son, a brother for Sophia and Noah.

MALLETT - On May 10th, to Simon and Cai, a daughter, Emma Jane Alice, a sister to George and Edward.

TAYLOR - On Sunday 3rd May, to Sue (née Airy) and Adrian, a son, James Oliver Edward.

O'LEARY - On Friday May 1st to Deborah and Warren, "Goo", a gorgeous son, James David.

PONSONBY - On 10th May 1998, to Julian and Patricia, a daughter, Lindsey Rose, a sister for George.

THOMAS - On Friday May 8th, to Dominic and Maria, a daughter, Octavia Florence, a sister for George and Frederick.

WILLIS - On Friday 8th May, to Sharon (née Duke) and Alistair, a son, George Munro, a brother for Henry.

WILSON - On 8th May to Toby and Cyndy (née Chart) a daughter, Cordelia Katharine Kirby, a sister for Harriet.

WILSON - On Tuesday May 12th to Victoria Stoneman and Iain Wilson, a son, Alexander Fraser.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

MYNORS:SJOGREN - On 15th May 1938 in Upsala Cathedral, Sweden, Tom to Dagmar. Still at Wadhurst TN5 6LR.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

FITCHSHARP-BRASH - On 15th May 1948 at Holy Cross, Hornchurch, David to Veronica (Roni). Now at Ifold, West Sussex.

DEATHS

ADAMS - Ione on 13th May in hospital after valiant fight against cancer. Beloved wife and companion; perfect mother and grandmother, and true and inspiring friend to many. Private cremation Salisbury 22nd May. No flowers please but if desired donations to Basingstoke Bowel Cancer Research Project, c/o Camp Hopson, 90 West Street, Newbury, RG14 1HA, tel: 01635 522210. Thanksgiving Service will be held 5th September.

BLAIR - Sylvia Clementina (Bay) née Lumley Ellis widow of Mick, Charles and Jack and mother of Michael Mayne on May 11th in Torquay aged 96. Funeral Service at St John the Evangelist Tipton St. John, Devon on Wednesday May 20th at 11.15 am. No flowers donations to Christian Aid c/o Andrews of Torbay Funeral Service, 2 Hoxton Road, Torquay, Devon.

BOWERMAN - Dorothy Vera (Vera) aged 77 years peacefully at Lakeside Nursing Home, Watermead, Aylesbury on May 12th 1998. Loving and dearly beloved wife of Jack and mother of Michael, Jennifer, Kathryn and Prudence. Burial at All Saints Church, Hillesden, near Buckingham on Saturday May 16th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations please to the Alzheimer's Disease Society (Research Fund), Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH. The family extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Lakeside Nursing Home for their care and support.

BUDD - Rita Constance, (née Cumming) died peacefully in her sleep, on 12th May, aged 87 years, in Plettenberg Bay. Widow of the late Wilfrid Budd, mother of Oliver, Robin, Jerome and Agneta, beloved aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. Memorial service to be held in Johannesburg on Saturday 16th May.

CARDY - John comfortable at home on May 12th much loved husband of Georgina, dear father of Mary and Richard. Service to be held at Easthampstead Park Crematorium 10.00 am. Wednesday May 20th - to be followed by a celebration service at 2.30 pm at St Peter's Church Woolhampton and afterwards at home please. Family flowers only donations if desired to the 'Dialysis Unit Royal Berkshire Hospital' c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road Reading RG1 4DL Tel: 0118 9573650.

COLIN - Vera Catherine Louise, née Moss, widow of Andrew Guershoon Colin, and much loved mother of Lydia and Andrew, grandmother and great-grandmother, died on May 11th, 1998 at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, aged 95. The funeral service will be held at the Orthodox Church, Leighhill Loan, Dunblane at 11.30 am on Monday, May 18th, followed by committal at Falkirk Crematorium. Enquiries to Andrew Colin, 0141 339 8297. Details of a memorial service to be held in London will be announced later.

DYBOSKI - Adam Stephen in France on May 13th aged 76. He died in peace his family with him all the time. So dearly loved by us all - his wife, Ilby, his children Alexandra, Matthew, Paola and Victoria and his dear grandchildren Clara, Susan and Isobel. The funeral is on May 16th at Verteuil sur Charente. Family flowers, but donations if you wish to Sue Ryder Homes, Cavendish, Suffolk. A memorial service will be held later in the year, in Milan. Pray For Him.

FOX - Passed peacefully away on May 12th 1998 at Sainthill House, Keith aged 94 years, husband of the late Joyce, father of Caroline. He will be sadly missed. Funeral Service at St Pancras Church, Widecombe-in-the-Moor on Thursday May 21st at 11.30 am, followed by burial there. Floral tributes if desired or donations if preferred for the Exeter and District Hospice may be sent to Le Roy Funeral Service, 10 Alphington Road, Exeter EX2 8HH.

FROST - Margaret, peacefully at St. Andrews Home, nr. Edenbridge on May 9th aged 89. Greatly loved and missed by daughter Diana, grandchildren, Sharon and Tania and great-grandchildren Steven and Jackie. Funeral at The Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells on Thursday May 21st at 2.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o R. Medhurst, Funeral Directors, Hartfield, Sussex TN7 4AD.

GARAY - Mary. On 12th May 1998 suddenly and unexpectedly at home. Much loved and greatly missed by her family and many friends. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, 62 Hoop Lane, London NW11 on Sunday 17th May at 10.00 am. Family flowers only please.

GOLDS - On May 11th suddenly at home Ellen, widow of Douglas Golds, mother of Peter, Terry and Michael, mother-in-law of Carol and grandmother of Jay and Emma. She will be sadly missed and not forgotten.

GRAEBNER - Constance Grange, widow of Walter Graebner, died peacefully in Port Hope, Ontario, Canada on 10th May, 1998. Her sister, Joan Wood, survives her.

HANKEY - Vronwy Mary, much loved wife of Henry Hankey and mother of Ceri, Peri, Peter and Veronica, died after a short illness on 11th May 1998 in her 82nd year. Funeral at St Denys Church, Northmoor, Oxon on Wednesday 20th May at 12 noon. Family and close friends. No flowers, but please send donations made out to 'British School at Athens (Vronwy Hankey Memorial Fund)' at The British School at Athens, Senate House, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HU.

HILDYARD - Millicent, Lady, peacefully on 14th May at King Edward VII Hospital. Beloved wife of the late Sir David Hildyard KCMG, DFC. Dearly loved mother of Christopher, Elisabeth, Robert, and Marianne, and devoted grandmother of her fourteen grandchildren. Funeral on Thursday 21st May at 11 am at St Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea SW3. All welcome.

HUDDIE - Sir David Patrick Huddie, peacefully at home on 14th May. Dearly loved husband of Betty and dear father of Bob, Patrick and Michael. Funeral Service at All Saints' Church, Bakewell on Thursday, 21st May at 2.15 pm prior to cremation at Chesterfield Crematorium, Brimington, Derbyshire at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o J.W. & J. Mettam Limited, Funeral Service, Bakewell DE45 1DX.

LAWSON - Keith on May 13th after a brave fight. Dearly loved husband and friend of Audrey, devoted father to Tom, Anna, Stella, Judith and Jennie, and a loving grandfather. Funeral at St Laurence, Church Hougham, Dover on Tuesday May 19th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations in his memory to The Salvation Army, 3 West Court, Armstrong Road, Maidstone ME15 6QR would be welcome.

KENDAL - Geoffrey. On May 14th, peacefully in his sleep. Cremation Golders Green West Chapel, Saturday 16th May at 10.20 am.

LECLEZIO - M. J. J. Rene, in London on 10th May 1998. Beloved husband of Yoyo, devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather of: Odile, Catherine, Rene and Noel and their families. Funeral Service at the Carmelite Catholic Church, Church Street, Kensington at 2.15pm on Friday 15th May followed by a private cremation. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to British Heart Foundation.

LOCKETT - Mary-Edna of Malpas, Cheshire on May 11th aged 84. Wife of the late Dick Lockett, beloved mother of Beatrice and David, and grandmother of Victoria, Rebecca, Richard, Christopher and Alice. Funeral Service at Malpas Parish Church on Wednesday 20th May at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations can be made to Macmillan Cancer Relief c/o Lloyds Bank, Malpas.

PEAKE - Peter Lowsley on 13th May 1998 after a long illness borne with courage and dignity. Much loved and devoted husband of Mary and father of Simon, Philippa and Anthony, also a loving grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Shalford on June 25th at 3 pm.

PICKERING - Charles London OBE peacefully in hospital on 4th May 1998. Funeral Service to be held at Elmers End Cemetery on Friday 22nd May 1.30 pm. Any enquiries to the Co-op Funeral Service, 100 Brighton Road, Purley, tel: (0181) 660-7622.

REES - On May 13th 1998 peacefully at Arbrook House, Esher, Arthur Morgan Rees C.B.E. K.St.J. Q.P.M. M.A.D.L. aged 86 years. Much loved husband of the late Dorothy and dear father of Rosemary, father-in-law of Hugh and grandfather of Guy and Miles. Cremation for family only followed by a Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 20th May at 2.30pm at St Andrews Church, Oxshott. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The St John Ambulance (Stafford Branch) or Crawshay's Welsh R.F.C. c/o F.W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9QJ.

REEVES - On May 10th peacefully and in faith. Richard Hugh Reeves of Redwood Manor, Haslemere, Surrey. Father of Guy and Hugh. Funeral Service at St. Bartholomews Church, Haslemere on Thursday 21st May, 2.00 pm. All enquiries to G. M. Luff (01428) 643524.

RICKETTS - Diana (née Spain) in Toronto on May 10th, 1998. Born Oxford in 1917. Mourned by her children, Jennifer and Timothy (tel: 001-416-927-0644) and all her loving relations.

STEINFELD - Elizabeth. On 13th May 1998 suddenly and unexpectedly at home. Much loved and greatly missed by her family and many friends. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, 62 Hoop Lane, London NW11 on Sunday 17th May at 10.00 am. Family flowers only please.

THURSTON - Joan Mary at Field House Nursing Home Harpenden on 8th May 1998 aged 77 years. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Harpenden on Thursday May 21st at 2.30pm. Donations to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Copeman House, St Marys Court, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7TD. All enquiries to L.C. Weston F.D., No. 25, 17 Leyton Road, Harpenden. Tel: 01582 712865.

VAUGHAN MORGAN - Dorothy Evelyn Hiddingh (née Jeffcoat) on 9th May 1998 at Morden College, Blackheath, aged 96 years. Much loved mother of Jo and Pat and grandmother of Charles, Philip and Richard. Funeral Service at Morden College Chapel on 19th May at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Donations if desired direct to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

WEINGARTEN - Lilian died peacefully on 9th May, loving and beloved widow of Joseph, pianist and professor of composition, and mother of devoted daughter Claire. Cremation at Mortlake on 15th May.

WOODFORDE - On 12th May 1998, John Graham, husband of Paula and loving father of Judith, Justin and Josephine and father-in-law of Ian. Funeral service at the Church of St Thomas More, Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 on Tuesday 19th May at 11am followed by private burial. All enquiries to A France & Son. Tel 0171 405 4901.

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Gregor von Rezzori once described himself as "a living anachronism". Even on the threshold of the 21st century, he said, he remained a 19th-century man of letters. In many ways he was a writer not just out of time but out of place. Such roots as he had were in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, a world that vanished almost as soon as he was born. He lived between nations and cultures. He grew up in what he called "a melting pot of ethnic groups, languages, creeds, temperaments and customs". His work took him at various times to Vienna, Bucharest, Berlin, Hamburg, Paris and Rome before he settled at last near Florence; he was stateless for much of his life.

In his work, he often fell between genres and schools, mixing autobiography and fiction, making light of serious things. Nostalgia, disillusion and displacement were among his principal themes.

Gregor von Rezzori d'Arezzo was born to a family of noble Sicilian descent in Czernowitz, capital city of Bukovina, the most easterly province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. After the First World War the region came under Romanian rule. Then in 1940 Hitler and Stalin divided it in two, with the northern half, including Czernowitz, becoming part of the Soviet Republic of Ukraine.

The von Rezzori family had moved from near Ragusa in Sicily, via northern Italy, to Vienna in the mid-18th century. Gregor's grandfather was an architect in the service of the Habsburg emperors. His eccentric father, a keen huntsman, was an architectural historian and civil servant whose responsibilities came to include overseeing the estates of the Orthodox monasteries in Bukovina. Visiting them took him on horseback to remote regions of the Carpathian forests and Tatra mountains, and his son often accompanied him on these journeys. The colourful, privileged world of Gregor's childhood is affectingly evoked in *The Snows of Yesteryear* (1990).

Educated at boarding schools in Kronstadt, Fürstenfeld and Vienna, von Rezzori went on to study architecture and medicine in Vienna, but broke off his studies without taking a degree. After military service, he worked for a while as a commercial artist and draughtsman in Bucharest, before moving back to Vienna.



Von Rezzori: exemplar of a generation of culturally disinherited Austrian writers

It was in the Austrian capital, where he studied art, that he encountered Nazism at close quarters. His initial response, he later confessed, was positive, and based largely — though not wholly — on aesthetic considerations: had he not been a Romanian citizen at the time, he might have joined the SS for the uniform. He changed his mind dramatically after March 12, 1938, however, when he was frightened and repelled by what he saw as Hitler made his triumphal return to Vienna.

These early experiences would later fuel von Rezzori's mature fiction. The *Anschluss*, which he came to see as a defining moment in his life, and a dreadful turning point in European culture, is at the heart of his massive novel of ideas *The Death of My Brother Abel* (1976, English translation 1986). The complex of attitudes towards the Jews with which he had unthinkingly grown up is mercilessly analysed, along with its consequences, in his best-known and perhaps finest novel, *Memoirs of an Antisemite* (1969, in English 1981).

But there is no sign of such serious themes in the early work he produced in Berlin, where he spent the war years and began to write. Instead, he made his debut with three entertaining lightweight novels, the first of them originally appearing in instalments in a women's magazine; he also wrote, under a pseudonym, on ladies' fashions. His Romanian passport at first kept him clear of the Nazi authorities, and by the time he decided it might be expedient to volunteer for the German Army, the fighting was over.

After the war he worked as a journalist and as a radio broadcaster and scriptwriter in Hamburg. It was for radio that he originally produced the stories that brought him his first literary success. Set in a vividly imagined Balkan country, these witty, satirical, sometimes scurrilous *Tales from Maghrebina* appeared in book form in 1952, with lively illustrations by the author.

They were followed by other successful books in a similar vein of ironic fantasy based on pin-sharp observation: *Oedipus triumphs at Stalingrad* (1954), *The Hussar* (1958), *An Idiot's Guide to German Society* (1962), *1001 Years in Maghrebina* (1967). At the same time, von Rezzori wrote film scripts, first in Paris, and then in Rome, where he worked at Cinecitta. He also took occasional small parts as an actor, appearing for instance as Brigitte Bardot's father in Louis Malle's *Viva Maria!* of 1965.

Something (but not always enough) of the lightness of touch with which he had made his German reputation in the 1950s and 1960s was retained in his later works. At their worst, these more ambitious books can be precious, self-indulgent and portentous. The first and best of them, however, is a minor masterpiece. *Memoirs of an Antisemite* had its origins in a story that first appeared in *The New Yorker* in 1969. It quickly won international attention — not just for its provocative title — and established the author as a successor to such writers as Schnitzler and Musil in a Central European tradition of civilised, ironic reflection.

The fictional *Memoirs* undoubtedly drew obliquely but importantly on the author's life, as later works of actual reminiscence confirmed. But in von Rezzori's work it is rarely either possible or productive to establish where confession ends and invention begins. He produced several books of more or less conventional autobiography, but all his mature writing can be seen as an attempt to recover and come to terms with a lost yet inescapable past — his own and Europe's. "I have unfortunately a very good memory," he said. "I don't forget anything. My past exists with me every day. It's ghastly. It's as if time didn't exist."

In his later years von Rezzori took Austrian citizenship, and in the 1960s he put down roots in Tuscany, at Donnino near Florence. He and his third wife, Beatrice Monti della Corte, an Italian aristocrat with a keen interest in art, spent half of each year there.

Their hospitality was famous, and among their house guests were artists such as David Hockney; figures from the cinema such as Jeanne Moreau and the directors Volker Schlöndorff and Louis Malle; and writers such as Bruce Chatwin and Michael Ondaatje, both of whom produced some of their best work while staying in a tower on the estate.

A handsome man, and a great dandy, Gregor von Rezzori was three times married. His third wife survives him, with two sons from his earlier marriages.

HELEN WARD

Helen Ward, jazz singer, died in Arlington, Virginia, on April 21 aged 81. She was born in New York on September 19, 1916.

THE unflattering label given to the female singers with the big bands of the Swing Era was "canaries". Hired to trill through a handful of popular songs of the day and to look decorative, few such singers are remembered today, and of them, even fewer were possessed of musical talents equivalent to the instrumentalists who supported them. The exception was Helen Ward, a pioneer of the genre with Benny Goodman, and his band's vocalist between 1934 and 1936, when he assumed the title "King of Swing".

Her singing was characterised by an appealing artlessness, but also by precise pitching and articulation: she cleverly combined a "girl-next-door" personality with an astute grasp of the musical demands of Goodman's arrangements. Unlike virtually all her counterparts, she was also in demand as a freelance vocalist, appearing on disc with Teddy Wilson and Gene Krupa, among others, in some of the best of all swing recordings by small groups.

Ward's singing had been crucial to Goodman's success in landing a job at Billy Rose's Music Hall in New York, when he auditioned during the spring of 1934 and first assembled his big band as a regular unit. When the orchestra landed its 26-week run on the *Let's Dance* radio show for NBC on December 1, 1934, Ward became its full-time vocalist.

This drew her singing to the attention of the radio audience that ultimately created the band's fortunes, although her presence in the studio was crucial in achieving the club-like atmosphere that the producer Josef Bonime was after, as she often took a turn on the dancefloor with members of the audience between her featured numbers.

At the time, Goodman was almost the only bandleader with a full-time girl singer. He realised that employing Ward would appeal to the band's target audience of college students, both on live dates, and on broadcasts and records, and her vocals were soon among his bestselling discs, both on up-tempo swing pieces such as *Goody Goody* and on her million-selling ballad *These Foolish Things*.

After the radio show folded in 1935, the band gradually made its way towards the West Coast, its swing style apparently ever less popular as it travelled further from New York. On one two-week engagement, Ward was forced to fall back on her musical training and play piano waltzes, accompanying trumpeter Bunny Berigan in the intervals between sets of the band's slushiest dance arrangements.



Ward in 1934: supple and sensuous swing singer

All this changed when they reached the Palomar Ballroom in Los Angeles, where the audience created by the band's radio appearances arrived in force and greeted the hottest swing arrangements with wild approval. Ward's magnetic stage presence there was a crucial element in the band's success.

Helen Ward had studied piano as a child and in her early teens began singing in a duo with the songwriter Burton Lane. She advanced her career by singing with the bands of Nye Mayhew, Eddy Duchin, David Rubinoff and Will Osborne, before landing her own show on New York's WOR radio station. She was singing regularly at the Waldorf Astoria with the Latin band of Enrique Madriguera when she joined Goodman.

Her two years with Goodman were more than a professional alliance: there was also an on-off romance. When they travelled to engagements she was frequently driven in Goodman's car, and they had adjoining staterooms on the band's Pullman railway coaches. At one stage Goodman suggested marriage but she came to believe this was simply a ploy to prevent her getting too seriously involved with another man and quitting the band.

But when she eventually did leave, there were mutual regrets. After trying out a succession of other singers, Goodman eventually hired Martha Tilton, but he wrote that "none of them could sing with the band like Helen did". For her part, despite the heartbreak caused by Goodman's behaviour, Ward sometimes returned to the fold to help him out in the occasional broadcast or show, and in the 1950s she returned for reunion tours with the original band.

After leaving Goodman in 1936, she ceased to tour or appear often in public, but enjoyed an active recording career for some years with numerous leaders including Hal MacIntyre and Harry James, both of whom briefly tempted her back on the road. She became a producer for WMGM radio in New York in the late 1940s.

In the 1960s she remained firmly out of the public eye, but came back successfully to singing in the late 1970s, returning to the Waldorf Astoria, and also appearing at the Rainbow Room. She appeared in stage shows including *Finian's Rainbow*, and made a final album in 1981: *The Helen Ward Songbook*. She remained loyal to Goodman in numerous interviews and documentaries, finally telling her side of the story to Goodman's biographer Ross Firestone in 1993.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Savory.

STUART LLOYD JONES

Stuart Lloyd Jones, former Town Clerk of Plymouth and Cardiff, died on April 17 aged 80. He was born on August 26, 1917.

STUART LLOYD JONES played a major part in the postwar development of Plymouth. He was appointed town clerk of Plymouth in 1953 when the rebuilding of the war-damaged centre of the city had just begun. In his 17 years as town clerk, he masterminded the implementation of the "Plan for Plymouth", which had been drawn up by Sir Patrick Abercrombie during the war. He also foresaw the need to attract new industry and employment into the area to prepare for the inevitable reduction in employment from the Devonport Dockyard that had dominated the local economy.

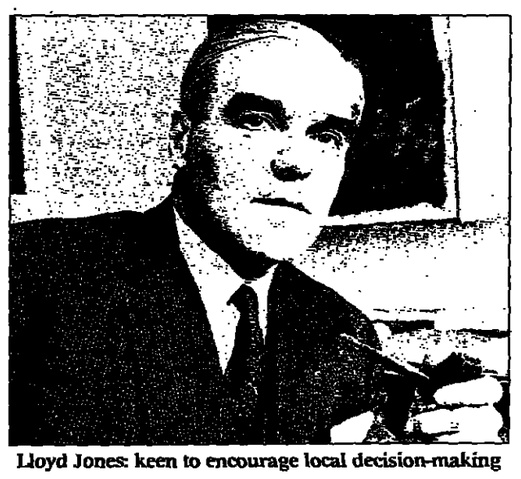
In 1970 he left Plymouth to become chief executive and town clerk of Cardiff. After the local government reorganisation of 1974, he retired, having organised a vigorous campaign to promote Cardiff's role as the capital city in the new local government structure for Wales.

Stuart Lloyd Jones was born in Liverpool and educated at Rydal School, Colwyn Bay. He studied law at Liverpool University, where he obtained an LLB in 1937 and LLM in 1939. He was articled in 1937 to the town clerk of Wallasey, and moved as assistant solicitor successively to Wembley, Taunton and then Nottingham, where he became deputy town clerk in 1950. While at Nottingham he undertook occasional lectures at the university and assisted in editing *Cripps on Compensation*.

He was appointed town clerk of Plymouth in 1953, at the unusually young age of 35, to oversee the continued rebuilding of Plymouth. The "Plan for Plymouth" entailed a large number of compulsory purchase orders for the central area, rebuilding the Guildhall and creating a new civic centre for the city, as well as a substantial investment in new roads and council houses. In 1956, despite Whitehall indifference, he promoted the Tamar Bridge Bill through Parliament to gain the powers to build the first new toll bridge in Britain this century.

In the early 1960s he encouraged the city council to support the then unusual step of sending a council official to the United States to attract companies to Plymouth. In 1962 he was appointed, with three other town clerks, as an adviser on the amalgamation of the London boroughs, and in September of that year he travelled to America on a State Department foreign leaders' scholarship. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government appointed him independent inspector for the proposal to extend Stevenage New Town in 1964.

Between 1967 and 1969 he was a member of the government committee chaired by Arthur Skeffington on public participation in planning. One of his more interesting tasks was to organise the reception for Sir Francis Chichester on his completion of the solo circumnavigation, one of the great nautical occasions in Plymouth's history. It is estimated that there were more than 100,000 people on Plymouth Hoe that evening.



Lloyd Jones: keen to encourage local decision-making

Appointed chief executive and town clerk of Cardiff in 1970, he continued to concern himself with local economic development and planning issues, playing a major role in the campaign against the closure of the East Moors steelworks. He was elected the president of the Town Clerks Society in 1972, and continued to promote the case for local government reorganisation based on local needs, rather than those of central government or political parties. He was appointed in 1973 to be a member of the Prime Minister's committee on conduct in local government, chaired by Lord Redcliffe-Maud, a precursor of the Nolan committee.

On announcing his retirement from local government, he was appointed chairman of the Welsh Health Technical Services Organisation, a post that he held until 1977 when he resigned, frustrated at the interference of Welsh Office officials. He was appointed to act as the chief counting officer for the Welsh devolution referendum in 1979.

As he had campaigned for the creation of a university in Plymouth in the 1960s, it was fitting that his last major public post, from 1982 to 1987, was as chairman of the governors of the Plymouth Polytechnic, now Plymouth University, as it moved towards independence from local government.

Stuart Lloyd Jones was throughout his life a keen proponent of local government and particularly its role in economic development. He thought it was always best, where possible, to encourage local decision-making, and he was delighted to see the re-creation of Plymouth City Council as a unitary authority, after 24 years, a few weeks before his death.

On retirement he returned to South Devon, where he played an active part in village life. He took up bookbinding and continued to enjoy sailing, gardening and travelling.

He married, in 1942, Pamela Mary Hamilton-Williams, who died in 1996. They had a son and three daughters, all of whom survive him.

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At this point the old people, with a fitting sense of climax, drown themselves. They never learn that the Orator is dumb, and they do not stay to tell us whether he is an actual person or a functionary they imagined before they decided to die. The point hardly matters. The strength of the play comes from M. Ionesco's quiet, dry, curiously impersonal wit and from the impression left of odd memories and desires jumbling about in the capricious gusts of senility and yet falling into a coherence that is poetic. Young Miss Joan Plowright excels as the old lady, being exactly right in her elderly ecstasies, her sudden lapses into wantly reflective silence, her affectionate pride in her husband's cleverness which should have made him something other than he ever became and in her unaffected enjoyment of every surprising turn in the fantasy. Mr. George Devine partners her admirably with a grimly humorous study of the old man.

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■ Jakarta was a city living on its nerves last night with at least three areas burning after a day of rioting. The city centre is a ghost town after banks, shops and offices closed early to allow workers to make their way home in safety. President Suharto will return to a capital that is in chaos ..... Pages 1, 18, 19

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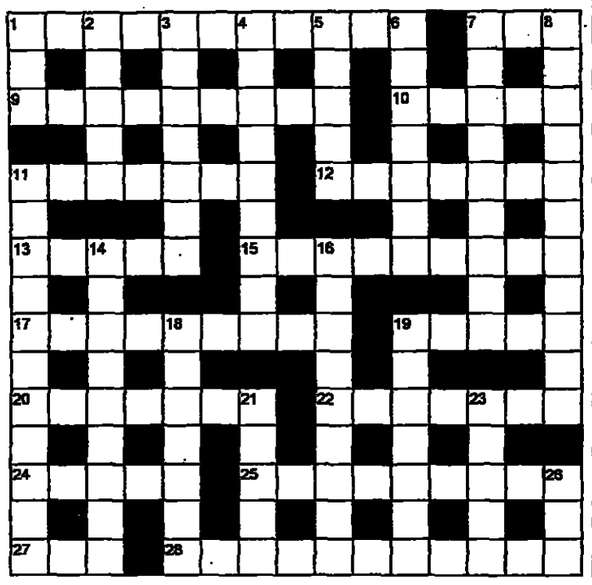
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10 Turkish leader elected for second term (5).
11 Wrestle with complications, and become heated (7).
12 Patent medicine is in no way unusual (7).
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15 As a consequence of backing murderer, doctor's unable to sleep (9).
17 Half of our capital allocated to country house, with an eye to the future (4-5).
19 Said to constrict Prometheus, for one (5).
20 Dishes used to start the set (7).
22 Teacher's first reprimand can make you sad (7).
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25 Don't put on rouge, say? It's detestable (4,5).
27 Sign agreement fellow backed (3).
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2 Scoundrels start to employ bad language (5).
3 One acting legally for another, as set out in actual case (7).
4 Trip over cross dog raised commotion (9).
5 Once at sea, crossing a body of water (5).
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7 Facility at ski resort for the upwardly mobile (9).
8 Main link opened by US in 1914 (6,5).
11 After herbal remedies, I am *taking dope* (6,5).
14 Organise deliveries in deceitful practice (3-6).
16 With relocation, protects a witness (9).
18 Try wearing torn clothing (7).
19 Flight simulator — it helps you run (7).
21 Push to one side distress over having gained weight (5).
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London 8.46 pm to 5.08 am
Bristol 8.55 pm to 5.18 am
Edinburgh 9.19 pm to 4.59 am
Manchester 9.03 pm to 5.07 am
Penzance 9.02 pm to 5.35 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Misty at first with patches of fog. Overnight thundery showers will linger for a while in south and west. Showers will persist in Northern Ireland and northern and western Scotland, some heavy over the mountains. Heavy showers and thunderstorms may return to SW England and Wales later but most places will have sunny spells and fewer showers. Mainly dry with sunny spells in the Irish Republic.
Tonight, mild with showers in the west. Eastern areas dry but rather misty.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S England, E Midlands:** Early thundery showers will clear; sunny spells. Light NE wind. Max 24C (75F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England:** Early mist but sunny spells developing. Moderate E to NE wind. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Is, SW England, S Wales:** Hazy sunshine, thundery showers. Light to mod NE wind. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lakes, IoM, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll:** Hazy sunny spells; thundery showers later. Light, variable wind. Max 23C (73F)

☐ **Cent N England:** Early patchy mist, then sunny spells; late showers possible. Mod east to SE wind. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Early mist, then sunny spells and a few late showers. Mod east to SE wind. Max 20C (68F); cooler on the coast.

☐ **Cent Highlands, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** Sunny spells. Scattered showers, possibly heavy, easing later. Light variable wind. Max 18C (64F)

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** Misty start then bright with sunny periods. Mainly dry. Light northerly winds. Cooler. Max 21C (70F)

☐ **Outlook:** Mostly dry with showers in the west tending to clear away. Sunny, although there may be showers in northern Scotland.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

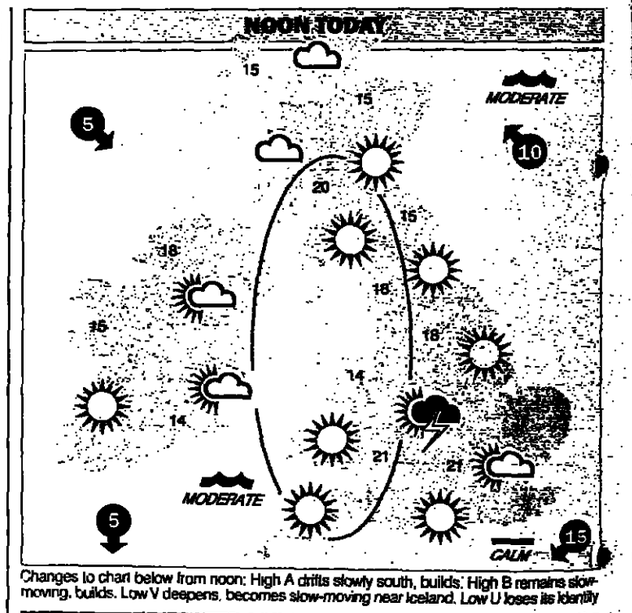
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Aberdeen	6.9	-	17	63	s	Leeds	5.0	-	23	73	s
Anglesey	6.5	0.09	16	61	c	Lerwick	9.6	-	12	54	s
Aspatria	3.7	-	21	70	du	Leuchars	1.1	0.02	13	55	s
Aviemore	9.3	-	25	77	s	Littlehmptn	3.0	0.31	24	75	s
Belfast	1.3	0.17	14	57	c	London	2.4	0.03	25	77	t
Birmingham	2.5	0.09	18	64	t	Lowestoft	12.6	-	16	61	s
Bognor R	3.4	0.02	25	77	s	Manchester	4.5	-	21	70	du
Bournem'th	9.7	0.83	24	75	s	Margate	11.4	-	16	61	s
Bristol	6.6	0.63	24	75	s	Morecambe	4.0	0.01	18	64	sh
Buxton	3.8	0.01	20	68	du	Newcastle	7.6	-	18	64	b
Cardiff	X	0.24	26	79	s	Newquay	11.1	0.01	15	59	fg
Clacton	13.6	-	19	66	s	Norwich	13.6	-	21	70	s
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	2.6	0.01	21	70	b
Cromer	13.7	-	15	59	s	Penzance	X	0.01	21	70	s
Dunbar	1.2	0.01	13	55	fg	Poole	10.3	0.83	27	81	s
Eastbourne	5.7	0.01	26	79	t	Prestatyn	X	0.04	18	64	b
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Eskdalemuir	8.5	-	23	73	s	Salcombe	9.9	0.03	24	75	s
Exmouth	9.7	-	24	75	s	Saunton Snd	5.7	-	19	66	s
Fishguard	1.9	0.09	13	55	fg	Scarboro'	10.1	-	15	59	s
Folkestone	11.1	-	23	73	s	Shrewsbury	1.9	0.01	20	68	du
Glasgow	1.3	0.01	15	59	r	Skegness	12.7	-	14	57	s
Guernsey	10.4	0.01	21	70	s	Southend	11.0	-	22	72	s
Hastings	9.9	-	25	77	s	Southsea	10.1	-	27	81	s
Hayling I.	7.0	0.02	26	77	s	Swanage	10.3	0.70	22	72	s
Hove	4.7	0.50	36	79	r	Teignmouth	10.6	-	25	77	s
Isle of Man	3.9	0.06	19	66	s	Tenby	10.4	0.41	23	73	s
Isle-of-wight	9.9	0.01	28	79	s	Tiree	3.5	0.01	13	55	c
Jersey	10.7	0.01	25	77	s	Torquay	10.1	-	26	79	s
Kinloss	8.9	-	17	63	s	Weston s Mare	5.4	0.51	24	75	b

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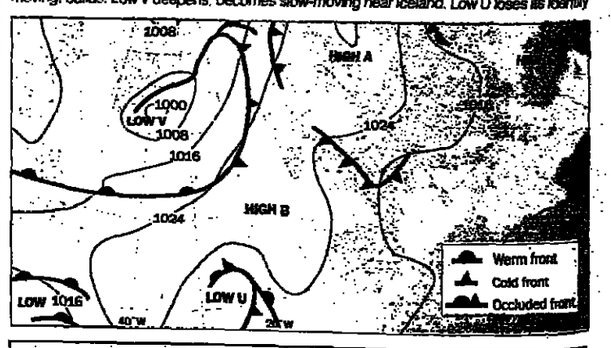
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Alicante	21	70	f	Corfu	26	79	f	Majorca	23	73	f
Alex'dria	22	72	f	C'phagn	15	59	s	Malaga	19	66	f
Algiers	20	68	c	Dublin	11	52	fg	Malta	25	77	s
Amst'dm	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Melb'rne	19	66	s
Athens	24	75	c	Faro	19	66	f	Mexico C	23	84	s
B Aires	16	61	f	Florence	29	84	f	Miami	32	90	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Frankfurt	28	82	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bangkok	35	91	f	Funchal	19	66	c	Montreal	22	72	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	26	79	s	Moscow	6	43	r
Barcelona	23	73	f	Gibraltar	17	63	r	Munich	27	81	s
Beijing	27	81	f	Helsinki	14	57	s	N Delhi	38	100	s
Beirut	31	70	f	Hong K	31	88	s	N York	14	57	s
Belgrade	27	81	f	Innsbruck	28	82	s	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	18	64	s	Istanbul	16	61	f	Naples	24	75	s
Bermuda	23	73	f	Jeddah	35	95	s	Nice	25	77	s
Biarritz	23	73	s	Jo'burg	17	63	s	Oslo	18	64	s
Borde'x	26	79	s	L Angeles	12	54	r	Paris	29	84	s
Brussels	29	84	s	L Palmas	22	72	s	Perth	19	66	r
Budapst	28	82	f	Le Touqet	26	79	f	Prague	22	72	s
Cairo	26	79	f	Lisbon	19	66	f	Reykjavik	9	48	r
Cape Tn	18	64	f	Locarno	25	77	c	Rhodes	20	68	s
Ch'church	8	46	X	Luxembg	27	81	s	Rio de J	29	84	f
Chicago	23	73	s	Luxor	34	93	s	Riyadh	40	104	s
Rome	27	81	s
S Fr'sco	15	59	s
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Salzburg	27	81	s
Santiago	17	63	f
Seoul	23	73	s
Sing'por	31	88	t
St'kholm	17	63	s
Strasb'rg	29	84	s
Sydney	18	64	c
Tangier	16	61	r
Tel Aviv	32	72	c
Tenerife	23	73	f
Tokyo	27	81	s
Toronto	19	66	f
Tunis	29	84	s
Valencia	21	70	s
Vanc'ver	13	55	c
Venice	26	79	s
Vienna	25	77	s
Warsaw	17	63	s
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Wel'ngton	14	57	
Zurich	26	79	s

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Changes to chart below from noon: High A drifts slowly south, builds. High B remains slow-moving, builds. Low V deepens, becomes slow-moving near Iceland. Low U loses its identity



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	4:16	3.9	4.45	3.8	Liverpool	2:03	9.0	2:21	8.7
Avonmouth	10:13	12.4	10:31	12.3	London Bridge	4:52	7.0	5:07	7.0
Belfast	1:51	3.4	2:18	3.2	Lowestoft	12:35	2.4	-	-
Cardiff	9:59	11.5	10.17	11.4	Margate	2:56	4.6	3:10	4.7
Devonport	8:55	5.1	9:08	5.2	Milford Haven	9:13	6.4	9:32	6.4
Dover	1.43	6.3	2:04	6.3	Newquay	8:05	6.4	8:26	6.4
Dublin	2:27	3.6	2:58	3.7	Oban	8:38	3.6	9:00	3.8
Falmouth	8:28	4.9	8:39	5.0	Penzance	7:34	5.0	7:55	5.1
Greenock	3:32	3.2	3:41	3.0	Portland	19:00	1.7	10:08	1.8
Harwich	2:45	3.8	2:57	3.8	Portsmouth	2:08	4.4	2:26	4.5
Holyhead	1:10	5.3	1:30	5.1	Shoreham	1:54	5.9	2:19	5.8
Hull (Albert D)	9:19	8.2	9.45	8.0	Southampton	1:34	4.3	1:57	4.3
Ilfracombe	8:59	8.5	9:17	8.5	Swansea	8:20	8.6	8:39	8.6
King's Lynn	9.25	6.3	9.46	6.0	Tees	6:42	6.2	7:10	5.1
Leith	5:45	5.1	6:09	5.0	Walton-On-Naze	2:38	4.0	2:50	4.0

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Southampton, and Poole, Dorset, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Bournemouth, and Poole, 0.83in, highest sunshine: Cromer, Norfolk, 13.7hr

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FRIDAY MAY 15 1998

Banks reassess as Indonesian riots shake markets

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND RICHARD MILES

ANTI-GOVERNMENT riots in Indonesia sent further tremors across Asian markets yesterday, forcing British banks to begin the task of reassessing the scale of their exposure to the region.

The Indonesian rupiah plunged 10 per cent to close at 11,700 to the dollar as rioting forced the closure of many banks and businesses in the capital, Jakarta. Standard Chartered and Deutsche Bank were amongst the big foreign operatives shutting Indonesian branches yesterday.

News that President Suharto had cut short his trip to Egypt in order to deal with the problems did little to calm the markets. Analysts predicted that the Indonesian rupiah is heading back towards the all-time low of 17,000 to the dollar recorded last autumn.

Government officials tacitly admitted that, with foreign investment to the country drying up, Indonesia's ability to meet the requirements of the International Monetary Fund rescue package are rapidly diminishing. Tanri Abeng, State Enterprises Minister, said the government's privatisation plans were already running into jeopardy.

Jakarta shares, however, closed almost unchanged, although trade was virtually non-existent. Dealers said there were signs of government intervention to help to prop up the market. HSBC Holdings, owner of Midland Bank, is the largest UK player in Indonesia, with nine branches in the country. At the end of 1997, its exposure to the country was $1.8 billion (£1.1 billion). In last year's accounts, HSBC made a general provision of £175 million against potential losses in South-east Asia. It has no plans to raise this.

Standard Chartered has five branches in the country and its total exposure is £1 billion. Of this, £400 million relates to corporate lending. The bank said that, at worst, £250 million was potentially at risk, but it was too early to consider making provisions. Schrodersestimated its exposure at around £40 million.

None of Britain's other high-street banks have operations in the country. NatWest said its total exposure to Indonesia was £192 million and last year set aside £80 million against potential losses in South-east Asia. Barclays has £300 million exposure of which two-thirds is to financial institutions.

Elsewhere in Asia, Singaporean shares lost nearly 3 per cent, while the Nikkei average slipped slightly. In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng closed up 1.3 per cent at 9,591.65. The Indian rupee fell to a record low of 40.77 to the dollar.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	5948.5	(–24.4)
Yield	2.77%	
FTSE All share	2819.21	(–7.79)
Nikkei	15307.69	(–36.12)
New York:		
Dow Jones	9192.66	(–19.18)*
S&P Composite	1121.17	(+2.31)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%	(5½%)
Long Bond	102²⁷/₃₂	(102¹⁴/₃₂)
Yield	5.96%*	(5.94%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	7¹⁵/₁₆%	(7¹⁵/₁₆%)
Lifte long gilt future (Jun)	107¹⁵/₃₂	(108⁷/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6305*	(1.6315)
London:		
$	1.6307	(1.6340)
DM	2.8989	(2.9048)
FFr	9.7239	(9.7394)
SFr	2.4137	(2.4150)
Yen	218.61	(219.02)
£ Index	103.1	(103.3)

$$$$ DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7815*	(1.7786)
FFr	5.9760*	(5.9640)
SFr	1.4835*	(1.4815)
Yen	134.25*	(134.15)
$ Index	110.2	(110.1)

Tokyo close Yen 134.13

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug) $15.00 ($14.80)

GOLD

London close $297.45 ($298.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Gates delays Windows 98 to buy time

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

MICROSOFT CORP agreed to delay the launch of Windows 98 in a last-minute deal with America's Justice Department yesterday, hoping to avoid a damaging antitrust lawsuit.

The unexpected development emerged after Microsoft submitted a new offer in a bid to head off the filing of the broad antitrust suit scheduled for later in the day. The offer was made in a telephone call to Joel Klein, the antitrust chief at the Justice Department.

The temporary ceasefire in America's biggest antitrust battle in a decade marks a personal setback for Bill Gates, the Microsoft chairman, who had vowed that Windows 98, a new computer operating system scheduled for release today, would not be delayed.

The Justice Department had made a delay a pre-condition for the continuation of Microsoft's negotiations with government lawyers. A final settlement is likely to include curbs on the company's presence in the Internet browser market. The Justice Department and 12 US states who were planning to file suits simultaneously yesterday said they had agreed to the offer to let "discussions continue over the next several days".

A spokesman for Microsoft said: "Microsoft confirms it has completed all work to develop Windows 98 but has agreed with the Department of Justice and state attorneys general not to release the product to computer manufacturers until Monday." He said the operating system should still be in the shops on June 25.

Microsoft's lawyers described their offer as "major concessions" but declined to give details. A final settlement is likely to include modifications of agreements with Internet content providers, Internet service providers and computer manufacturers.

Wall Street is trying to figure out what concessions Microsoft is offering. The extent of changes to its business practises will have a strong impact on the share price. The news that the suit had been stalled sent shares 5 per cent higher. But estimates of Microsoft's future position vary widely.

Bill O'Hearn, a fund manager at McKinley Capital, said: "Any settlement is positive. Given the scope with so many states involved, Microsoft is more willing to settle."

The delay of Windows 98 did not hit the share prices of computer manufacturers such as Compaq and IBM, who are waiting for Windows 98 to load it on to new personal computers. At the moment, Wall Street is not doubting that a full settlement can be reached in a few days. But any suggestion that the Windows 98 block could be extended would have a devastating effect on computer stocks. Only last week, the heads of the major US computer makers wrote to Mr Klein asking him not to delay the release of Windows 98.

Computer makers are already suffering under a severe price war. Hewlett-Packard has said its profits will be significantly below analysts' expectations. Its shares fell 15 per cent yesterday.

Hewlett-Packard said that profits would be dragged down by price-cutting and Asia's economic weakness. Lewis Platt, chairman, said the company enjoyed strong growth in revenues and orders during the quarter. "We're pleased that our customers continue to respond enthusiastically to our products," he said. "However, we clearly have more work to do to translate our strong growth into acceptable profitability."

Last month Compaq Computer, the world's largest personal computer manufacturer, reported flat sales and said the need to cut prices virtually wiped out its profits in the last quarter. Intel, the world's largest chip maker, said it would cut 3,000 jobs in the wake of sluggish demand that saw profits drop 36 per cent.

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The long and short of it: antitrust lawsuits could cut Bill Gates and Microsoft down to size

Treasury urged to reprieve tax credit for poor

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Government may be forced to do a U-turn over a Finance Bill clause that will hit the income of 300,000 of the poorest pensioners from April 1999, an MP says.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, last year reformed the system of paying advance corporation tax (ACT) on UK company dividends. Pension funds were the biggest losers because the Government scrapped their ability to reclaim ACT through a tax credit.

However, a less high-profile change to the tax-credit system will affect 300,000 pensioners who hold shares but who do not earn enough to pay tax. From April next year, they will no longer be able to claim the tax credit, which will be 10 per cent of the dividend.

According to Age Concern, this is worth an average of £75 a year to those claiming, many of whom are pensioners earning under the tax threshold of £5,410 a year.

Nick Gibb, the Conservative MP, yesterday appealed to Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, to scrap the clause. Although Mr Gibb's amendment to the Bill was withdrawn, he believes that the Government may be forced to back down on the issue at the Bill's committee stage.

Mr Gibb said: "Many MPs have had letters about this issue. When the change actually begins to have an impact, this trickle could become a flood."

Philips confirms talks on PolyGram

BY CHRIS AYRES

PHILIPS, the Dutch electronics company, confirmed yesterday that it was in talks with Seagram over a possible $10 billion (£6 billion) sale of PolyGram, the music and film company of which it is a controlling shareholder.

A takeover of PolyGram, which is based in London, would transform the Canadian drinks and entertainment giant into the world's most powerful music group, giving it the record labels behind acts such as U2, Bob Marley and Sheryl Crow.

It would also be a huge blow for the European film industry, which would see the region's flagship company — responsible for hits such as *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *Bean* — swallowed by a Hollywood studio, as Seagram bought MCA/Universal four years ago.

However, reports from the US say several buyout firms, including Forstmann Little & Company and Thomas H Lee, are also interested in buying PolyGram. Suggestions that Alain Levy, PolyGram's president and chief executive, is planning a management buyout, have been denied.

Philips said Seagram was discussing an offer for both PolyGram's stake and the interests of minority shareholders.

Philips owns 75 per cent of PolyGram, with the balance publicly held and listed in New York and Amsterdam.

Seagram recently held talks with EMI but negotiations collapsed last week.

News Corp tempted by Simon & Schuster

BY RAYMOND SNODDY
MEDIA EDITOR

THE NEWS CORPORATION is believed to have entered the $4 billion auction for Simon & Schuster, the US publisher, in a tie-up with Michael Milken, the former head of high-yield bonds at Drexel Burnham Lambert.

News Corp, parent company of *The Times*, is interested in Mr Milken's concept of delivering educational material by satellite to schools and colleges across North America. Educational publishing is by far the largest part of Simon & Schuster, accounting for revenues of about $2.1 billion a year, compared with the trade or commercial division that has revenues of about $560 million.

Mr Milken and News Corp face competition from at least two other bidders. One is from Pearson, the media and information group that owns the *Financial Times*, in a joint bid with Hicks Muse Tate & Furst, a US leveraged buyout fund. The third big player is believed to be Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the large buyout fund.

The outcome of the auction is expected next week. Viacom, which owns the business, would prefer to sell Simon & Schuster as a whole. Pearson is believed to be interested only in the educational assets. It is understood that the Milken-News Corp bid is for all the publishing interests of Simon & Schuster.

As the former "junk bond" king of the 1980s, Mr Milken is a controversial figure who served two years in prison and was ordered to pay $1 billion in compensation after being convicted of insider trading.

He has advised News Corp, which owns HarperCollins, the publisher, on strategy for some time.

News Corp declined to comment on the Simon & Schuster auction last night.

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Body Shop offers golden handcuffs

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

THE BODY SHOP has attached golden handcuffs to Patrick Gournay, who is to succeed Anita Roddick as chief executive.

Mr Gournay, who is to join the company in mid-July from Danone, the French food group, has been granted options over 2.5 million shares that may be exercised at 123½p, Wednesday's closing price.

Half the performance-related options are exercisable between May 2001 and May 2008. The other half are exercisable between May 2003 and May 2008. The options may be exercised only if normalised earnings per share over any three consecutive years exceed growth in the retail prices index for the same period by at least 4 per cent. The options need approval by Body Shop's annual meeting next month.

Mrs Roddick is to become co-chairman, alongside her husband, Gordon.

Saracens investment scheme aims for £1.2m

BY JASON NISSE

JUST seven months after the Saracens chief executive, Mike Smith, said the rugby union club was "bleeding" and its owner, Nigel Wray, said that if he knew how much it would cost he would never have become involved, Saracens is to raise £1.2 million from investors.

Mr Wray, who is also chairman of Nottingham Forest Football Club, has put £4.5 million into Saracens, taking a famous club rather down on its luck to a position where it has just won the Tetley Bitter Cup and is in a neck-and-neck fight with Newcastle for the Allied Dunbar Premiership.

Club members are being invited to invest in the revitalised club under the Enterprise Investment Scheme to fund what is hoped to be future success. It was only in November that Mr Smith and Mr Wray were complaining publicly about the uneconomic nature of rugby union since the leading clubs had turned professional. "I thought it would cost well under half of what has been delivered," said Mr Wray, who will retain 70 per cent of Saracens' shares even after the new fundraising.

Mr Smith yesterday said that Saracens had turned the corner. It was now getting home crowds of at least 10,000. Despite the improved fortunes, Mr Smith said that a stock market flotation would be a long way off. "Look at the shares at Loftus Road [which owns rival rugby team, Wasps] and some of the football club shares, they are not exactly flavour of the month at the moment," he said.

One of the clubs not exactly in favour has been Nottingham Forest, which floated at 70p last October. Its shares immediately fell to 55p and have rarely been above the issue price, closing up 1p at 57p yesterday.



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Sale set to free HEV from Hambros control

BY DOMINIC WALSH

HEV, the venture capital arm of Hambros, is poised to gain its independence as a result of the sale of its parent company to Investec, the South African finance group.

The business, formerly known as Hambros European Ventures, is thought to be keen to take advantage of a change-of-control clause in its third — and biggest — private equity fund, which closed last September with £261 million.

Technically, the control clause pertains to the fund's 33 investors, who range from Standard Life to a number of US institutions. The clause was insisted on by investors in view of the uncertainty over the future of Hambros. The Investec deal, which completes the break-up of the Hambros group, will let them exercise their option to take control of the fund from May 27.

The HEV management team, led by Edmund Truell, chief executive, will continue to run the fund's investments as an independent company. It will also continue to manage its first two funds under a new agreement being hammered out with Investec.

HEV, which has about £350 million under management, has several investments in the leisure field. These include the recent £30.5 million management buyout of Vardon Bingo and last year's £91 million purchase of County Hotels from Queens Moat Houses. HEV is also thought to be among a gaggle of venture capitalists looking at First Leisure's resorts division, recently put up for sale for about £100 million.

This week HEV sold its 34 per cent stake in Franklin Hotels, the London townhouse hotel operator, back to management. It is believed to have realised £13.6 million from the £8 million it invested in 1994.

BG offers encouragement in spite of damage to profits

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE mild winter weather and a new pricing formula have cut into the profits of BG, the company that runs the Transco pipeline network.

But the company, which this year is expected to mount a share buyback that could exceed £300 million, offset a large amount of the damage in first-quarter figures by cost reductions at Transco and the sale of peripheral businesses.

Analysts were also encouraged by BG's progress in exploration and development.

When BG was formed from the demerger of the old British Gas, David Varney, chief executive, said the company would rationalise its activities to pump more money into exploration and development.

The unseasonably warm weather and the new pricing curbs for gas transportation trimmed operating profit at the Transco subsidiary by £62 million to £465 million. Philip Hampton, finance director, said: "The first quarter was very warm and that reduced our profitability year on year by £40 million and against seasonally normal temperatures by £92 million."

Transco had been forced to cut prices by 13 per cent after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ruled on a bitter dispute between the company and the regulator over a five-year price plan. But cost savings at the pipeline business yielded £57 million. BG has been trimming Transco with the sale of some small offshoots.

In exploration and production, operating profits increased by £23 million to £63 million as new production at its Armada field in the North Sea boosted overall output. BG last month signed a deal in Eygpt for exploration and is seeking other opportunities throughout the world's main gasfield areas. In the millennium the company's biggest overseas operation — Kazakhstan — is expected to start production when a massive pipeline from the Black Sea is complete. BG expects Kazakhstan to contribute a quarter of its output.

BG's shares, which have enjoyed a strong performance since the British Gas demerger, rose 11½p on the results which were viewed by the City as showing resilience in difficult conditions.

Overall, modified historical cost net income for the first three months rose 11.4 per cent to £353 million. But when disposal gains are stripped out the earnings fell by £6 million to £304 million. Earnings per share, adjusted to exclude disposals, rose from 7p to 7.7p.

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Delay for NI project continues

BY JASON NISSE

THE £171 million project to computerise the national insurance (NI) records of the Contributions Agency — known as Nirs2 — is to be delayed after failing to go live as expected last month.

The hold-up means that the Contributions Agency, which is soon to be merged with the Inland Revenue, has yet to start processing any NI returns for the current tax year, which started on April 6.

The project, which is being built under the Private Finance Initiative by Andersen Consulting, was already running 15 months late before the latest delay. The delays have cost Andersen more than £23 million in extra costs and penalty payments and the computer consultancy will not receive any payments from the project until it goes live.

Yesterday Andersen and the Contributions Agency said they were reconsidering the go-live date. It is understood that Andersen believes that the system can work but the Contributions Agency wants to make further tests before it starts using it to process NI records. A go-live date of July 1 is believed to have been pencilled in.

The Contributions Agency yesterday said it was "clearing the 1997-98 work now so that we can have a clear start on the 1998-99 work when the system goes live".



Brian Gilbertson, chairman of Billiton, which is undertaking the biggest single investment in Mozambique

Billiton begins Mozal smelter

BY MARTIN BARROW

BILLITON, the London-listed metals and mining group, is to start work on Mozambique's Mozal aluminium smelter. The £812 million project is the biggest single investment made in the country and the smelter is expected to be in commission in early 2001, producing 250,000 tonnes a year.

Billiton, whose chairman and chief executive is Brian Gilbertson, has a 47 per cent interest in the project, with Mitsubishi, of Japan, holding 25 per cent and the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDC) 24 per cent.

The Mozal smelter, near Maputo, will have the potential to double capacity to meet future demand and will use around 450 megawatts of electricity and 500,000 tonnes of alumina a year.

Competitive electricity prices have been negotiated with Eskom, the South African electricity company, and EdM, the Mozambique electricity utility.

The shares fell 6¾p to 168p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Eskmuir valued at £138m on placing

ESKMUIR PROPERTIES, set up by the former management team of Laing Properties, has been valued at more than £138 million at its placing price of 220p per share. It is due for flotation on the stock market on May 20. The Laing family launched Eskmuir as a private investment vehicle in 1990 within months of the £500 million takeover of Laing Properties by P&O and Chelsfield.

Eskmuir's placing has raised £50 million that will net members of the family about £25 million from the sale of their shares. Around 60 per cent of the shares will stay under the Laings' control. No directors are expected to sell their shares. John Lamb and Steve Mason, chief executives at Eskmuir, have bought one million shares between them, less than 2 per cent of the total shareholding. The family and associated trusts invested an initial £63 million in Eskmuir. Since then the company has amassed gross assets of £283 million. Pre-tax profits were £7.9 million last year.

MWB to build hotels

MARYLEBONE WARWICK BALFOUR, the property group, is moving into the hotel sector with plans to build and operate six townhouse hotels in London. It intends to invest at least £80 million during the next two years building up a hotel division. Its first venture will be in Charterhouse Square, Central London, where it has paid £5.2 million for a former nurses' home. MWB plans to spend £8 million converting it into a 75-room hotel of four-star standard.

Ronson shares tumble

SHARES in Ronson fell from 7p to 5¾p after the ailing lighter company said that full-year losses would reach £11.5 million in the year to December 31 after an increase in expected reorganisation and stock provisions. The company, of which Victor Kiam, the American razor entrepreneur, was recently appointed chairman, promised a detailed announcement on fund-raising and preliminary results soon. At last night's close, Ronson was worth £5.15 million on the stock market.

One2One raises £1.6bn

ONE2ONE, the mobile telephone company jointly owned by Cable & Wireless and US West, has raised £1.6 billion to refinance its existing £1.2 billion debt financing agreement. The company, which seeks to challenge large rivals such as Vodafone and Cellnet, said the funds would support investment in network expansion and improve service quality. One2One said the debt facility had been £1.1 billion oversubscribed, with £2.7 billion of bank commitments offered.

Mortgage lending up

HOMEOWNERS are still reluctant to put their house up for sale, despite evidence of an increasingly buoyant housing market. According to Barclays Mortgages, lending last month was 21 per cent higher than April 1997 and 4 per cent up on this March. Those selling their homes remained unchanged on last year, at 8 per cent. Forty-nine per cent believed the value of their property would increase over the next 12 months, compared with 45 per cent last month.

Record high for insurer

SHARES in Independent Insurance rose 60p to a record £17.75 in spite of the company's mixed statement on current trading at its annual meeting. Garth Ramsay, the chairman, said the UK insurance market remained extremely competitive. Although several areas of business had produced a significant increase in new business, weather-related damage after the January storms and the Easter floods had cost the company £7 million. The shares have risen from 801½p in 12 months.

Micro Focus up to £5m

MICRO FOCUS, the software group, increased pre-tax profits to £5 million, from £2 million, in the three months to April 30 on revenue up to £29.4 million, from £18.6 million. Revenue exceeded the £24 million to £26 million forecast by analysts, and the shares rose 65p, to 640p. Earnings per share were 4.3p, up from 1.8p. Martin Waters, president, said: "With this strong start to the year and the success of our combined product and service offerings, we are confident about our prospects for growth."

Scottish Radio up 28%

SCOTTISH RADIO HOLDINGS lifted pre-tax profits by 28 per cent, to £5.76 million, in its half year to March 31 on sales up 16 per cent, to £21.3 million. Earnings per share rose to 14.2p, from 10.8p. The dividend is 3.6p (3p). Richard Findlay, chief executive, said there had been progress in both radio and weekly newspapers. "Record figures have been achieved and the group is well-placed to continue its policy of both organic growth and further acquisitions at sensible prices," he said.

L Gardner buys factory

L GARDNER GROUP, the aerospace and automotive engineering company, is acquiring the Ilkeston, Derbyshire, division of Chromalloy UK, a manufacturer of aerospace components, for £8.7 million. The division, established in 1993, earned pre-tax profits of £1.13 million on turnover of £10.5 million in 1997. Finance for the acquisition is being raised by a £14.3 million rights issue of one new share for every three held at 290p each. Shares rose 9p to 310½p.

Buoyant Shaftesbury

SHAFTESBURY, the West End of London property company, raised first-half pre-tax profits to £3.3 million from £2.8 million in the six months to the end of March. Earnings, however, fell from 2.2p to 2.1p although the dividend rises from 0.75p to 0.85p. Net assets rose from 133p a share to 163p. Shaftesbury said the property sector is generally buoyant. "We have considerable financial resources to expand our holdings." Shares fell 4p to 238½p.

Irish bank seeks new society

BY RICHARD MILES
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BANK OF IRELAND, which last year bought Bristol & West for £600 million, is considering the acquisition of a second building society.

BoI, which yesterday reported a 34 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to Ir£530.4 million (£465 million), said it was also interested in buying the Industrial Credit Company, if it was put up for sale.

Maurice Keane, the bank's chief executive, said a building society would be top of his wish-list if the price was right, but prices were currently very high.

Assets under management at BoI doubled to Ir£39.6 billion, partly reflecting the first-time inclusion of Bristol & West's mortgage and investments book. A charge of Ir£294.7 million, set against the bank's goodwill reserves, arose from the acquisition.

Bristol & West contributed pre-tax profits of Ir£91.2 million, 17.4 per cent of BoI's total earnings. Its share of net residential lending rose to 3.5 per cent for the eight months to March 31, against a natural share of 2.3 per cent.

Members received an average of £1,178 from the acquisition by BoI.

Alvis tanks 'not quelling rioters'

BY ADAM JONES

ALVIS, the UK armoured car manufacturer, said yesterday that it did not believe the Indonesian state has used a new consignment of Alvis tanks and support vehicles against its own citizens during the current demonstrations.

Nick Prest, the Alvis chairman and chief executive said: "To the best of our knowledge, they have not."

Alvis has delivered more than half the Scorpion light tanks and Stormer support vehicles that were ordered by Indonesia in 1997. The order is thought to be worth about £80 million. He said Alvis expects full payment, despite the region's economic problems.

Alvis has supplied vehicles to Indonesia since 1934. Mr Prest said many of the Alvis vehicles in Indonesia were in fact sold by the UK Government or other third parties.

Mr Prest said: "We don't make political policy on Indonesia. We act in accordance with [export] licences that were granted [by the UK Government]."

Alvis made a profit before tax of £9.9 million in the six months to March 31, up from £3.1 million last year.

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Brussels	£69	£119	—	£119	£119	£119	£119	£119	£100
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Edinburgh	£60	—	£60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Frankfurt	£95	£145	—	£145	£145	£145	£145	£145	£125
Glasgow	£60	—	£60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Heathrow	—	£60	—	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	£50
Leeds/Bradford	£60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manchester	£60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paris	£67	£117	£67	£117	£117	£117	£117	£117	£100
Prague	£153	£203	—	£203	£203	£203	£203	£203	£175
Teesside	£60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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CHANGING TIMES

Harman pension reforms undecided on compulsion

BY RICHARD MILES

HARRIET HARMAN, Social Security Secretary, yesterday outlined a programme of reform for pensions, but confirmed that the Government is still undecided about compulsion.

Ms Harman told more than 600 delegates at the National Association of Pension Funds annual conference in Brighton that her officials were still mulling over the extent of compulsion and whether the self-employed should be forced to save for retirement.

Insisting that the Green Paper on pensions reform would be published on schedule later this year, Ms Harman said that the basic state pension would remain the foundation of income in retirement and that access to occupational schemes would be improved.

Other goals are the introduction of a stakeholder pension as an alternative to existing second-tier schemes, as well as a citizenship pension for those people — mostly women — who stop work to care for their families.

Ms Harman also said that she planned to publish draft legislation next month on pension-sharing at divorce before its introduction in the Commons. This would enable interested parties to voice their views.

Industry representatives welcomed Ms Harman's clarification of policy, but scoffed at her insistence that the Green Paper remained on schedule. Most executives in the pensions industry believe that the Treasury has won the inter-departmental fight over the direction of pension reform.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.09	2.02
Austria Sch	21.29	19.73
Belgium Fr	62.99	58.02
Canada $	2.485	2.297
Cyprus CypE	0.857	0.825
Denmark Kr	11.63	10.74
Finland Mkk	8.39	8.01
France Fr	10.19	9.41
Germany Dm	3.06	2.82
Greece Dr	527	488
Hong Kong $	13.46	12.26
Iceland	128	109
Ireland Pt	1.21	1.12
Israel Shk	6.37	5.72
Italy Lira	3035	2798
Japan Yen	233.33	215.80
Malta	0.574	0.515
Netherlds Gld	3.458	3.169
New Zealand $	3.19	2.86
Norway Kr	12.76	11.82
Portugal Esc	309.53	287.50
S Africa Rd	8.99	8.03
Spain Pta	257.72	238.89
Sweden Kr	13.36	12.26
Switzerland Fr	2.57	2.35
Turkey Lira	416043	398185
USA $	1.737	1.594

Rates for small denomination banknotes only as supplied by Barclays Bank. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Boards lack sense of a venture

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Shareholders in large companies should take a look at the fantastic returns being made by some venture capitalists and turn green. Many of the investments made by these funds are in buyouts and buy-ins of businesses being offloaded by the quoted blue chips. An innocent investor might wonder how it is that these rejects go on to help the venture capitalists regularly generate returns of 30 per cent or more. If they can produce that sort of return, maybe they should not have been rejected by their original corporate owners.

Figures from the British Venture Capital Association published yesterday underline how profitable investing in MBOs and MBIs can be. Average five-year returns from unquoted venture funds equate to an annual 29.3 per cent. Three-year performance is no less impressive, and on a wider front venture capital appears to be outperforming most of the relevant benchmarks.

Institutional investors have fingers in some of the venture capital pies so draw some benefit, regardless of how the value in the MBO candidates is released. But questions surely have to be asked of the senior management of the big firms who so regularly spin off unloved bits of the businesses they run.

Why do they not see the same potential value in the operations that the venture capitalists spot? True, one of these specialists goes by the name of Alchemy but, in truth, there is no magic involved in the venture capitalists' art. They are merely backing management, and that, in essence, is what any leading corporate organisation should be doing. Yet companies seem to have become so transfixed by the notion of determining what are core and non-core activities (definitions which can change according to whim or performance) that they will ditch perfectly sound operations.

The supporters of MBOs, often including those managers who see a fortune looming in place of a meagre employee's salary, claim that these businesses need to escape from their parents in order to flourish. It is a condemnation of the board if it cannot divine ways to motivate its staff without selling the business. Corporate bosses are paid large amounts of money to work for shareholders, not to hand profits to venture capitalists.

Perhaps shareholders bear some of the blame. Maybe they are too short-sighted and allow managements neither the latitude nor the time to make the most of businesses where there is no obvious logic or connection with the mainstream operations of X, Y or Z plc. Share prices in companies judged to be lacking in focus often suffer, perhaps needlessly, which of itself can prompt demerger proposals. These days, few are brave enough to risk being classified as a conglomerate.

In some cases it may be that the only way to unlock value is through financial re-engineering. But so often? Restructuring of this type is wasteful — value leaks to new investors and advisers' fees eat into efficiency gains. This is especially so — as Brunner Mond's case illustrated earlier this week — when venturers can manoeuvre to re-engineer for a second time. (Brunner Mond, a chemicals firm, was bought out from ICI, then floated, and is now being taken private by venture capital again.)

Over the short term it is too much to expect fundamental change in the kind of management thinking that favours MBOs and which so plainly plays into the hands of the venture capitalists. In the long term, fashion may swing back, but in the meantime it can only be sensible for return-hungry institutional investors to increase the asset allocation to independent venture funds.

British make hard work of productivity

Gordon Brown yesterday gave some indication of why it may be possible for the venture capitalists to make such a turn on a typical MBO. His stern lecture on productivity, or the lack of it, in British industry underlined the scope for taking an averagely badly run business and turning it into something rather better. It is a tad galling to have the chaps from McKinsey declaring that the primary cause of UK poor performance is low labour productivity — their hourly rate would make most foremen weep — but the fact is that, despite all the changes of the last couple of decades, British workers are still not producing as effectively as their overseas counterparts.

We are accustomed to the idea of the Japanese beating us in the automotive industry, although that they should be 100 per cent more efficient is startling. But why should Americans be a third more efficient than us in food processing? It is even more surprising that in new industries such as telecoms and software, Britain lags so far behind the best.

In the hotel industry, McKinsey claims that Britain's workers are half as productive as those in the United States. Either the US worker is being paid half as much as his UK equivalent or he is making twice as many calls.

What is to be done, other than putting the whole of British industry under the eagle eyes of venture capitalists? The DTI's immediate solution is a series of seminars to examine themes such as investment, entrepreneurship, innovations and skills. Each may have something to contribute to improving productivity. But anyone who has passed a building site during the recent sunny spells may suspect that there is another element in the equation. It's the others that are not working hard enough — not us.

MPs quiz the wrong sort of Davis

Howard Davies must be wondering why the Treasury Select Committee called him to see them yesterday. The MPs were not interested in grilling the FSA boss over pensions mis-selling — there would have been no point as he was either at the CBI or the Bank of England while all this was going on. The real target is the pensions industry "fat cats", accused by the MPs of lapping up the cream delivered by high-margin pensions while using the policyholders funds to pay off the costs of mis-selling. The MPs want to call the Man from the Pru, Sir Peter Davis, before them to give him the grilling they could not give to Mr Davies.

Certainly the big insurers appear to have shrugged off the financial effects of a scandal whose costs are now estimated to be £11 billion. The Pru's shares have trebled and Legal & General's quadrupled since the scandal has emerged. The proposal for the insurers to seperate policy holders money from shareholders funds, and only pay compensation out of the latter, seems so sensible that it is hard to believe that was suggested by an MP. But the insurers are bound to battle tooth and nail to avoid this proposal becoming law. The answer is simple — those who pay compensation out of policyholders' funds or fail to make clear where the compensation is coming from, should be prevented from joining in the bonanza that will come from universal private pensions. That should concentrate the insurers' minds nicely.

Tanks a lot

WHILE the banks fret about their exposure to Indonesia, Alvis is counting the rupiahs it has received for the Stormer light tanks it has just delivered to the Suharto regime. Alvis says it believes the tanks are to be used for external defence, not internal supression and is acting within UK Government guidelines. It's good to know that at least one British company is making money from Indonesia despite the current turmoil.

Westminster chief sold shares before profit warning

By Paul Durman

WESTMINSTER Health Care has reported its former finance director to the Stock Exchange after he sold his entire shareholding in the nursing homes group only two weeks before yesterday's profit warning.

Philip Easterman, whose departure as finance director was announced yesterday, sold 20,000 shares at 396p at the end of last month, making almost £80,000. It is understood that Mr Easterman did not observe Westminster's guidelines on directors' share dealings.

Westminster's shares fell 16 per cent to 339p as it indicated its full-year profits would fall about £3.5 million short of City forecasts because of problems in some of its newer businesses. Mr Easterman's shares would have been worth £67,800 at yesterday's closing share price.

The Stock Exchange would not comment on the events at Westminster. Mr Easterman, 48, an accountant who formerly worked for the British Waterways Board, could not be reached for comment.

Pat Carter, Westminster's chief executive, said Mr Easterman would receive compensation of about £100,000, equivalent to one year's salary.

He said that the trading problems extend back as far as last October, but the company only began to appreciate how serious these were a couple of months ago.

Westminster has encountered difficulties in three areas that it has moved into as a response to the financial constraints faced by the nursing home market.

Its secure units in Newbury and Milton Keynes — where the paedophile Robert Oliver has been staying — have taken much longer to fill than expected, and the company has still to find occupants for 72 of its 98 places. Mr Carter said this business moved into profit nine months later than expected.

The integration and reorganisation of Libra Health Care — acquired last September and based around Ticehurst psychiatric hospital in East Sussex — also proved more costly than expected. Westminster also had to make substantial changes to a head injury rehabilitation hospital acquired with Libra.

Westminster said, leaving aside one-off charges, its pre-tax profits for the six months to the end of May are unlikely to exceed the £8.4 million it made in the first half.

Analysts had expected an annual total of £20.2 million. The company also expects to report an exceptional charge of £3.5 million, offset by a £1.5 million profit on disposals.

Stephen Purse, 45, and formerly a senior audit partner at KPMG, will replace Mr Easterman as finance director.

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Ilion price hurt by new warning

By Chris Ayres

SHARES in Ilion, the computer equipment distributor that supplies companies such as Computacenter, fell 73½p to 115p yesterday when it said it would not be able to meet profit forecasts for 1998 of £8 million.

A year ago the shares were worth 407½p. The company, which admits it could be vulnerable to a takeover, had given warning earlier in the year that it was operating in a less predictable environment, and that the computer market outside France had started slowly in 1998. The company also put out a profits warning last year.

It said yesterday: "The volatility has continued and whilst March saw trading in line with budget, the following period has been exceptionally disappointing in the UK." In the first four months of the year, UK sales had grown by only 22 per cent, compared with a forecast growth of 40 per cent. In France, sales had grown by 70 per cent but it was not enough to compensate for the UK.

Wayne Channon, the chairman, said: "I am very disappointed that this announcement is necessary. The market has been exceptionally unpredictable in the UK, as I indicated in March."

He said action would be taken at the expense of short-term profitability.

Minh Tran Chau, the finance director, added: "April has been a disaster, but this is not a long-term situation."



Ian Smith, left, Matalan's finance director, and Angus Monro, chief executive

Matalan enjoys premium start

MATALAN, the out-of-town clothing retailer that sells brands at knockdown prices through its discount warehouses, saw its shares rise to a 40p premium on their stock market debut yesterday (Sarah Cunningham writes). The shares, which had been priced at 235p, traded at 275p. This values the company, which is still 65 per cent owned by the family of John Hargreaves, its founder, at £230 million.

The company was founded in 1985 and now trades out of 76 stores. Of the £55.25 million raised through the float, only £10.3 million was set aside for the company. The venture capital backers, Barclays Industrial Development Capital and Granville Private Equity Managers, cashed in their stakes. Mr Hargreaves cashed in shares worth £23.1 million.

GPG returns to fray with higher bid for Bluebird

By Matthew Barbour

THE protracted takeover battle for Bluebird Toys, Britain's last significant independent toy manufacturer, took another twist yesterday when Guinness Peat Group returned to the fray with a 116p a share cash bid, trumping Mattel's 111p offer.

GPG's latest bid values troubled Bluebird at £48.2 million, compared with Mattel's £46 million offer. Mattel, the maker of Barbie dolls, emerged with a counter-bid more than a month after Bluebird rejected GPG's initial approach. Bluebird shares had traded at about 80p before the bid war erupted.

Mattel was seen to have dealt GPG a serious blow when it invoked a long-held option to take North American production of Bluebird's biggest product, Polly Pocket, in-house. This has the potential to wipe out up to half of Bluebird's share of the tiny doll's worldwide sales. The in-house option was included in a distribution contract signed with Mattel nine years ago.

Until last month Mattel had opted to only market and distribute the products. After the Mattel move, Blake Dixon, executive director at GPG, said: "It is extraordinary that an offeree only sees fit on the 45th day of an offer period to inform shareholders of the existence of such prejudicial arrangements."

GPG, which has considered taking legal action to view the distribution documents held by Mattel, said yesterday that it had not been able to examine the details of the contract.

Two years ago North America accounted for over half of Polly's sales, although sales in the US were halted by Mattel last year after oversupply problems at some retailers. US sales of the doll in 1996 were £15.7 million, but fell to £5.8 million in 1997.

Mattel, which had been planning a 1999 relaunch of Polly Pocket, was yesterday unavailable for comment.

GPG already owns 9.51 million Bluebird shares, representing 22.8 per cent of the company. Shares in Bluebird rose 7p to 155p.

Shares of Abacus hit by 12% fall in profits

By Matthew Barbour

SHARES in Abacus Polar fell 29½p, to 96½p, after the electronic components distributor reported a 12 per cent drop in interim profits.

The shares — 216p a year ago — have taken a battering since the company gave a profit warning in November. The company yesterday said that pre-tax profits fell to £4.2 million, from £4.8 million, in the six months to March 31.

Harry Westropp, chairman, said that although there were signs that the deterioration of the past 18 months may have been halted, sterling's strength was still hitting exports.

The company, formed by the merger of Abacus and Polar in 1995, reported sales up 11 per cent, at £51.7 million, although there was a fall in return on sales from 10 to 8 per cent. Earnings per share fell to 6.2p, from 7p. A dividend of 2.2p, up 10 per cent, is to be paid on July 31.

In March, Abacus Polar and Rutronick of Germany formed an alliance with sales of £225 million, which the group said could lead to the creation of the sixth-largest electronic components distributor in Europe.

Brian Murdoch, Abacus chief executive, admitted that, with its share price drifting, the link-up was also a defensive move against the consolidation occurring among electronic component distributors.

Fear for GAN over foreign legion

From Adam Sage in Paris

ACUTE concern and hurt pride were evident in Paris yesterday as France's business community realised that its fourth-largest insurer, GAN, was likely to be sold abroad.

The European holding Eureko, which owns Friends Provident in the UK, and AIG of America emerged as favourites to take over the state-owned French company after last night submitting bids thought to be in region of Fr15 billion. The only Gallic group in the race is Groupama, the mutual insurer.

After losing a total of Fr40 billion between 1992 and 1996, GAN returned to profit last year and is ready to compete in the private sector, according to Didier Pfeiffer, chairman.

Yet analysts point out that the group's turnover fell by almost 20 per cent in the first quarter of this year after the sale GAN Life, and that its prospects are "scarcely joyful".

After selling the bank, CIC, to another mutual, Crédit Mutuel, for Fr13 billion last month, the French Government wants to avoid a second such deal and is lukewarm about the offer from Groupama. But French industrialists are worried at the prospect of GAN's takeover by a foreign group.

Concern has been fuelled by the possible sales abroad of two more endebted state-owned financial institutions — Crédit Foncier de France, a relatively small building society, and Crédit Lyonnais, the bank.

France's left-wing Government wants to to keep Crédit Lyonnais in Gallic hands, but has been told that it could expect Fr53 billion from a French bidder, and almost Fr12 billion more on the international market.

Ferguson passes on final payout as figures slump

FERGUSON International, the beleaguered labels company, saw its shares drop a further 10 per cent yesterday after it reported that its pre-tax profit had collapsed from £10.6 million to £854,000 (Sarah Cunningham writes).

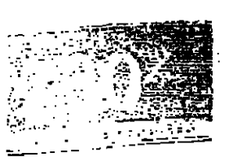
The company, which issued a profits warning in December, is not paying a final dividend. For the financial year to February 28, shareholders will receive only the interim of 4.5p, compared with a full-year payout of 13.25p. Earnings per share were 1p (17.4p), while turnover was £132.5 million (£139.2 million). The shares fell 11½p to 93½p.

Ferguson said that factory relocations led to serious disruptions, with "a lack of leadership and direction at critical times during the restructuring process". Extra costs appeared from the use of consultants. Denis Cassidy, recently ousted from the chair at the Liberty retail company, was replaced as chairman at Ferguson by James Tyrell last month.

It said that the first half of the current year should show an improvement on the second half of last year, although the impact on the bottom line was not likely to be seen for another 12 months.

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Topsy-turvy ride for FTSE as confusion continues

IT WAS a topsy-turvy day in the London equity market as dealers struggled to conclude how to take differing pieces of economic data and corporate news. Confusion remained from the day before and by the close there still seemed to be little by way of consensus.

The future direction of interest rates dominated debate. Turmoil in the Far East, and the possible deflationary effects, suggested that the lid would be kept on the cost of borrowing.

But average earnings figures out earlier in the week mitigated in the opposite direction. Traders say that the market will continue to meander until resolution is found one way or the other.

The FTSE 100 closed down 24.4 at 5,948.5. It started the day in modest positive territory before taking fright at big initial losses on Wall Street which had been upset by a negative statement from Hewlett Packard, the computer group.

Early yesterday afternoon the FTSE 100 dipped below 5,900 but, once Wall Street recovered its composure, so did London.

One senior market strategist summed it up saying: "It is all rather schizophrenic and everyone is feeling a bit skittish."

Leading constituents of the top-flight London index moved in opposite directions. Banks and insurers had a bad day. **Standard Chartered**, the bank with Indonesian exposure, was buffeted again, falling 22½p to 806p. **HSBC** firmed 1p to £16.99 but **Barclays**, **Abbey National** and **NatWest** were dragged lower. Barclays closed 22p off at £17.47, Abbey was down 26p at £10.81 and NatWest lost 17p to close at £11.66.

Soon to merge insurers **Commercial Union** and **General Accident** were out of favour too, after Wednesday's figures. CU lost 37p to end at £10.53 and GA was 47p down at £13.23.

AB Foods, the food manufacturer, was 25p off at 545p and **Billiton**, the mining company, lost 6¾p to 168p. **Zeneca** was also marked down 53p to £25.07.

However, there was money for **Cadbury Schweppes** as word got around that Merrill Lynch, the broker, was reiterating its positive views to leading clients. Cadbury added 17p to 897p and is up from 550p a year ago.



Cadbury, maker of the Flake chocolate bar, climbed 17p after positive comments from Merrill Lynch, the broker

Ladbroke, the hotels and betting shop business, attracted attention and became the most heavily traded share in the FTSE 100. The price rose 17½p to 242½p.

There was support for **BG**, the gas company, after an upbeat trading statement. It was 11¼p better at 335¼p.

BAA, the airport operator, landed 12½p better at 640p after saying that April traffic volumes were 10 per cent better than the year previously. **Railtrack** steamed on 40p to £11.70.

Among the second liners **Colt Telecom**, the phone firm, jumped 15 per cent or 257½p to £19.40 carrying on progress made on Wednesday when it posted results. **Hillsdown Holdings** continued to benefit from takeover talk. French yoghurt company Danone was fingered as a possible buyer at as much as 225p and Hilldown put on another 5½p to finish at 186½p. The market debut for **Matalan**, the out-of-town clothes retailer, was a good deal better than some expected and the shares sped ahead to 275½p having been placed with institutions at 235p. That other newcomer, **Thomson Travel Group**, basked in a 3½p rise to 199p.

Micro Focus, the computer company, saw a 70p gain to close at 645p, on the back of strong profit figures. They peaked at 718p in March but have come up from 300p 12 months ago. Elsewhere in the hotly followed information technology sector there was evidence of sobriety returning. **Misys** lost £1 to close at £30.80, and **Logica** was 35p off at £18.25.

Shares in **Horace Clarkson**, the shipbroker, rose 12p to 117½p as a bid came in from rival **Charles Taylor Group**. The appraoch has been rejected but Charles Taylor says that if it gets agreement it would pay at least 130p a share.

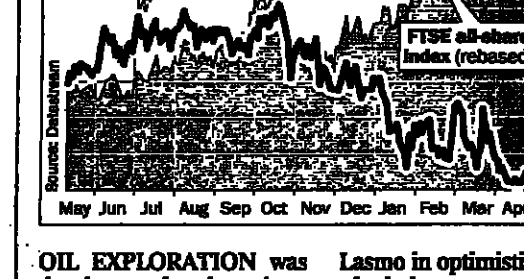
St James Place Capital, the life insurance sales business, also came under the bid spotlight. Some think that 29 per cent stakeholder **Prudential** could take it out and in response St James advanced to a new peak, 20p ahead at 342p.

Skyepharma, the drug developer, put on 8p or nearly 10 per cent to reach 93½p on news that progress was being made on a new formula which Eli Lilly, the US pharmaceutical giant, is interested in. Troubled **British Biotech** fell 3½p to 62½p.

Gyrus Group, the medical equipment supplier, marched to 167½p from 159½p as it lauched some new products.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Economic worries made it a nervous day for government bonds. Prices of bonds due to mature shortly, as well as those with longer to run, all shaded downwards. Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was 3 ticks off at £102 13/16 and Treasury 8 per cent 2015 ended at £122 15/16, down from £123 1/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were mixed at midday with the Dow Jones industrial average in negative territory after a wild morning ride. The index was down 19.18 points at 9,192.66.



OIL EXPLORATION was the best-performing share sector yesterday, with its index rising 2 per cent in a falling market, building on gains of the past few days.

However, oils still have much ground to claw back on the market average. Since late autumn, they have skidded because of the sinking oil price. Part of the reason for the recent strength is that, having underperformed for such a sustained period, the stocks are playing catch-up. Analysts have also been returning from field trips organised by Premier and Lasmo in optimistic frames of mind.

Lasmo continued its surge to finish the day at 291p, up 9¼p. Enterprise Oil rose 22p to 297p. Premier Oil was left out of the fun, falling 2p to 49p, but this stock has climbed from 38p two weeks ago. Hardy Oil gushed up 15½p to 273½p.

Brokers are hoping for more to come, but oil exploration companies can never perform independently of the oil price. That has helped them in recent days, too, but the longer-term prognosis is fraught with uncertainty.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	9192.66 (-19.18)
S&P Composite	1121.17 (+2.31)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	15307.69 (-36.12)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	9991.95 (+122.66)

Amsterdam:

AEX Index	1164.09 (-9.86)

Sydney:

AO	2759.4 (-14.3)

Frankfurt:

DAX	5361.22 (-15.66)

Singapore:

Straits	1301.78 (-30.20)

Brussels:

General	18697.42 (-31.59)

Paris:

CAC-40	4011.98 (-7.78)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1571.60 (-12.80)

London:

FT 30	3902.5 (+3.0)
FTSE 100	5948.5 (-24.4)
FTSE 250	5795.6 (+6.7)
FTSE 350	2884.8 (-8.9)
FTSE Eurotop 100	2817.55 (-4.37)
FTSE All-Share	2819.21 (-7.79)
FTSE Non Financials	2858.09 (-1.04)
FTSE Fixed Interest	141.48 (+0.65)
FTSE Govt Secs	104.1 (-0.14)
Bargains	63394
SEAQ Volume	926.5m
US$	1.6308 (-0.0030)
German Mark	2.8992 (-0.0052)
Exchange Index	103.1 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4660
£:SDR	1.2191
RPI	160.8 Mar (3.5%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	158.9 Mar (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AB Airlines	100½	...
ARM Hldgs (575)	820	+ 42½
Aberdeen Cnvtble C	103½	+ ½
Ambishus Pub Co	250	...
Ascot B	61	...
BTR Red Prf B	38	...
Baronsmead VCT 2	87½	...
Captain OM Watts (4)	5	...
Close Bros AIM VCT	100	...
Desire Petleum	178	+ 1½
Do Warrants	1¼	...
GRE Red Prf B	18½	- 1½
JWE Telecom	123½	- 1
Lonrho Africa	88	- 2½
Matalan	275½	...
Murray VCT 3 (100)	97½	...
Taiwan IT GDR	139	...
Transport Dev B	35½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Avocet Mining n/p (60)	1¾	...
Freeprt Leis n/p (325)	42	...
Guinness Pt n/p (20)	12	...
Magnum Pwr n/p (12)	4	...
Nord Anglia Ed (350)	49	...
Proteus Intl n/p (45)	4	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Micro Focus	645p (+70p)
Air London	440p (+40p)
Xenova	195p (+14p)
St James Place	342p (+20p)
Airflow Stream	218p (+11½p)
Ladbroke	342p (+17½p)
Helphire Gp	469p (+21p)
Reuters	709p (+28p)
Enterprise	597p (+22p)

FALLS:

West Hlthcare	339p (-66½p)
Greencore	339p (-21p)
Danka Bs Sys	277½p (-15p)
AB Food	545p (-25p)
Br Polythene	497½p (-16p)
Stand Chart	806p (-22½p)
Sun Life & P	565p (-15½p)
Morgan Cble	487½p (-13p)
Shield Diag	590p (-15p)
Old Eng Pub	383p (-9½p)
Prudential	789p (-18½p)

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TEMPUS

Mrs Scardino's big idea

MARJORIE SCARDINO deserves at least a B plus for her efforts at Pearson since taking over as chief executive. She has made all the right inspirational noises, talked up the share price and hacked away at the most obvious weeds that had sprouted in a distinguished but under-managed company. Although she has generally secured good prices for the non-core assets sold, others could just have easily have taken the axe to obvious targets. What has been missing so far has been a big idea — or even a medium sized one.

If Mrs Scardino manages to land the educational publishing business of Simon & Schuster for the odd $4 billion or so — in tandem with buyout merchants Hicks Muse Tate & Furst — that will be a big enough idea to make the City sit up and take notice. She's not there yet. The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, is also in the field, as is Kohlberg Kravis Roberts.

The educational interests of Simon & Schuster would be a great buy for Pearson as long as it does not pay too much beyond two times its target's revenues. The importance of such a deal is that Pearson would be able to merge the Simon & Schuster interests with its Addison Wesley Longman publishing subsidiary to create the largest educational publisher in the world. The two really could become more than the sum of the parts. And unlike general or consumer publishing, education content in all its forms tends to be "must have" information.

The deal could help Mrs Scardino close in on the target she has set herself — to double the Pearson share price in five years. At 935p, she is already ahead of schedule.

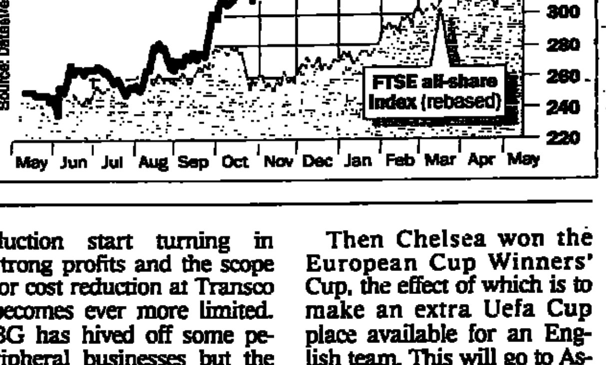
Westminster Health Care

THE unfortunate circumstances that led Philip Eastерman to resign as finance director of Westminster Health Care are not sufficient to cover the company's blushes over yesterday's profit warning. Largely thanks to Pat Carter, its chief executive, Westminster has enjoyed a reputation for being the quality stock in the recently troubled nursing home sector. Its moves into other areas with seemingly better growth prospects were responsible for the sharp recovery in the shares that has now come to an abrupt end.

Running secure homes for difficult ex-convicts and expanding the newly acquired psychiatric care facilities have proved troublesome. With hindsight, it is scarcely surprising that Westminster has found it laborious to negotiate the handover of individuals sometimes regarded as a threat to the community. The secure units in Newbury and Milton Keynes are now in profit, but they have only filled 26 of their 98 places.

The delays with the psychiatric business centred on Ticehurst Hospital partly stem from a mundane dispute over a sewage system. The problems with the brain injury rehabilitation business may be of longer-lasting significance because of the cutback in activities.

This year's per share earnings will be the lowest since at least 1994. Westminster's new strategy has much to prove.



BG

BG's shares have enjoyed a good run since the demerger of British Gas. The City has responded to a clearer focus by management and the final resolution of the conflict with its regulator over pricing curbs for Transco, the pipeline network.

The appreciation continued yesterday when BG was able to show that it had made substantial cost savings on Transco to combat a pricing formula it had once condemned as the biggest smash and grab raid in corporate history.

The company was knocked by the unseasonably warm weather reducing the demand for gas transportation but it delivered more than expected in the performance of its exploration and production division.

BG is serving up solid figures but the immediate upside in its business is limited. It will be some time before exploration and production start turning in strong profits and the scope for cost reduction at Transco becomes ever more limited. BG has hived off some peripheral businesses but the cupboard is starting to look bare.

Investors can almost certainly look forward to another share buy-back later this year, although it is likely to be dwarfed by last year's bonanza. Investors can expect a buy-back of £300 million to £400 million against £1.3 billion last year.

At 335½p the shares look fully valued.

Aston Villa

STUDENTS of efficient market theory will be bemused by the performance of Aston Villa shares. The City clearly takes a dim view of the Premiership football team, having sold the shares all the way down from their flotation price of 1100p to the 567½p they closed at on Wednesday.

Then Chelsea won the European Cup Winners' Cup, the effect of which is to make an extra Uefa Cup place available for an English team. This will go to Aston Villa.

The club had a good run in this competition last season, reaching the quarter finals. A repeat performance next season could mean as much as £5 million extra revenue for Villa.

So how did Villa shares react yesterday? They fell 5p.

There is no logic in this. Villa shares had not run ahead in the expectation of gaining the Uefa place, but merely continued their relentless downward drift. This leaves Aston Villa looking like one of the bargains of the sector.

There must come a point when the City will rerate Villa. But if getting into Europe is not enought to prompt an uplift, one wonders how long investors will have to wait.

EDITED BY PAUL DURMAN

LIFFE

COCOA

May	1135-1125	Jul	1234-1230
Jul	1151-1150	Sep	1247-1245
Sep	1170-1169	Dec	unq
Dec	1188-1187		
Mar	1205-1200		
May	1221-1218	Volume:	8734

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	2205-2200	Jan	unq
Jul	1985-1980	Mar	—
Sep	1900-1895	May	—
Nov	1850 BID	Volume:	6993

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	271.0-69.9
Spot: unq		May	275.0-71.9
Aug	264.5-64.2	Aug	278.5-73.9
Oct	264.0-63.7	Oct	281.5-73.0
Dec	266.9-66.2	Volume:	1071

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	67.56	127.30	85.22
(+/-)	+1.61	+8.62	-0.28
Eng/Wales:	67.56	129.25	84.04
(+/-)	+1.61	+5.71	-0.65
(%)	-12.0	+17.0	+10.0
Scotland:	unq	111.02	91.38
(+/-)	—	+21.15	+1.97
(%)	—	-14.0	+1.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.50	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jul)	15.75	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	15.00	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	15.90	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	16.30	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	161 (-1)	163 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	131 (-2)	133 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	65 (n/c)	67 (-1)
Naphtha	149 (n/c)	153 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	132.50-32.75	Sep	140.50-41.00
Jul	134.75-45.00	Oct	143.50-43.75
Aug	137.75-38.00	Vol:	21590

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	14.72-14.74	Sep	15.20-15.23
Jul	14.76-14.78	Oct	15.41 BID
Aug	14.97-14.99	Vol:	44360

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	76.50	May	76.00
Jul	77.90	Sep	75.00
Sep	78.00	Nov	77.00
Nov	80.00	Jan	79.00
Jan	82.00	Mar	81.00
Volume: 388		Volume: 40	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Jun	unq	140.0
Nov	—	80.0
Mar	—	130.0
		Volume: 95

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jun 49.00-49.50

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 98	955	950	950
Jun 98	910	910	910
Jul 98	910	900	905
Oct 98	unq	—	1005
Vol: 21 lots		Open interest:	1199

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1747.0-1748.0	1760.0-1760.5	Vol: 2000125
Lead ($/tonne)	530.50-531.00	546.00-546.50	192075
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1057.0-1058.0	1082.5-1083.0	507375
Tin ($/tonne)	5810.0-5815.0	5715.0-5720.0	34475
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1352.0-1352.5	1379.5-1380.5	1299325
Nickel ($/tonne)	4985.0-4990.0	5075.0-5080.0	123174

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
ASDA	180	17½	24½	30	7	12	12½
(*188)	200	9	15½	20½	17	22	23
Abbey Nat	1050	86½	122½	155½	39½	71½	88
(*1081)	1100	61½	98	131	65	98	113
AlldLeic	800	64½	96	116	36	58½	70
(*818½)	850	41	71	91½	62	84½	94½
Alld Dom	600	46	71½	81	12	28½	36
(*625½)	650	20	46	55½	36	53	62½
BAA	600	58	71½	86	12½	22	29
(*641½)	650	24	43½	59	33	44	52
BAT Ind	550	58	74½	91½	17	37	42½
(*584)	600	30½	52	67	40	59	67
Barclays	1700	118	162½	231	67	113	137½
(*1733½)	1800	70½	133½	181½	120	169½	197
Bass	1050	75½	106½	—	49½	80½	—
(*1092½)	1100	50½	80½	104	82	75½	98
Boots	900	57	84	103½	39½	55	62
(*918½)	950	34½	62	79	65½	76	87½
Br Airways	650	38	64½	81½	35	50½	61
(*657½)	700	18	45	64	65½	79½	89½
BP	950	87	101½	120	33½	62½	71½
(*968)	1000	43½	78½	94½	57½	87½	95½
Br Steel	160	15	19	23	7½	12	15½
(*170½)	180	5	10	14½	19½	23½	26½
C&W	650	58½	81½	99½	24½	46	53½
(*675½)	700	34½	57	75	49½	78½	79
CU	1000	82	127½	153½	38	67	77½
(*1044)	1050	65	103	128½	61½	91½	101½
[illegible]	1700	110½	174½	225½	82½	134½	157
(*1708½)	1800	66½	129	177½	139½	189	210
HSBC	1600	177	243	279	65½	116	135½
(*1692½)	1700	122½	184	231	111	157	184½
Halifax	750	84½	86½	109½	17	35	40½
(*789)	800	56	69	80½	38	58½	63½
ICI	1200	71	110½	141	53	84½	89½
(*1210)	1250	48½	85½	115½	79½	110	123½
Land Sec	1000	58½	95	110½	34	57	63
(*1029)	1050	32½	69½	84½	61	82	88
M&S	550	31½	51	62½	23	35	37
(*582½)	600	12	32½	46½	52½	58	64½
Nat Pwr	550	38	58½	71½	35½	42½	54½
(*569½)	600	17½	39	51½	65	73	84½
Nat West	1150	78	117½	140	60	93	109
(*1154½)	1200	55	95½	124	87	119	134½
Reed Intl	550	40½	61	72	26½	41	42½
(*559½)	600	20	39½	49½	64½	66	70
Redland	645	61½	102½	—	15	33½	—
(*701½)	700	47½	71½	—	42	59½	—
RylSun	650	47	71	88½	35	48½	56
(*652)	700	28	50	66½	62½	77	84
Safeway	380	28	41	48½	15	26	32
(*374)	390	19½	28	35	31½	41½	48
Sainsbury	460	44	62	73	12	21	27
(*499)	500	21½	40	52½	28	39	46
Shell	460	25	39	49½	18½	23	34
(*460½)	500	18½	23	32½	44	52½	57
SmKl Bch	700	53	86½	110	40	61½	74½
(*704½)	750	32½	64½	87	69	87	101½
Std Chtr	800	73½	107	138	58	82	101½
(*801)	850	52	84	112	86½	108½	128
Thames W	800	72½	89½	111	29	41	51
(*848½)	850	44	64½	85	54½	65	74½
Vodafone	650	50	79	95	39½	52½	60
(*698½)	700	28½	55½	71½	64	79½	86½
Woolwich	324	37	48½	—	10½	18	—
(*345½)	354	21½	35½	—	24½	32½	—
Zeneca	2500	147½	238½	308½	112½	172	206½
(*2504½)	2600	102½	188½	256	167½	223	259½
	Series	Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BTR	201	6½	21	28	2	11	17½
(*207½)	226	½	10½	17½	18½	25½	30½
Blue Circ	360	11	35½	47	5	23½	31½
(*367)	390	1	22	33½	24½	40	46
Br Aero	500	21	50½	68½	2½	25½	38
(*518)	525	7	38	56	13½	38	48½
Br Telcom	600	49½	74	87	—	18½	29½
(*648½)	650	11	44½	61	11	39	52
Cadbury	850	59	92	113	1	27½	39
(*897½)	900	13½	65	87½	15	48½	61
Carlton Cms	500	20	48	60½	3½	26½	33½
(*515)	550	3½	26½	40½	35½	53	61
Energy Gp	600	40	41	42½	1	—	—
(*639½)	650	1	2½	3	11½	15½	14
Gallaher	300	19½	35	41½	½	11	20½
(*318½)	330	2	19	26½	13	25½	36
GEC	500	22	50½	64½	2½	24	39½
(*520)	550	1	27	41½	31½	51	65½
	Series	May	—	—	May	—	—
Diageo	613	138½	—	—	—	—	—
(*750½)	671	80½	—	—	—	—	—
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Diageo	728	28	75½	—	5	38½	—
(*750½)	767	3	47½	—	38½	70½	—
Hanson	360	13	30	39½	1½	14½	22
(*371)	390	1	15½	25	18	30½	37½
Imp Tob	420	28½	40	52	—	13	18
(*447)	460	3	20½	32	15	32	37½
Kingfshr	1050	35	89	115	7½	45½	55
(*1077)	1100	9	64	89	31½	69½	78½
Lasmo	280	12	28½	37½	1½	12	18
(*290)	300	2½	18	27	11½	22	28
Ladbroke	330	12½	32½	43½	2½	17½	25½
(*340)	360	1	19½	29½	21	34½	41½
LucasVty	260	11	25	36	2	13½	18
(*269)	280	1½	16	25	12	23½	29
P&O	850	38½	72½	82½	2	25½	41½
(*883)	900	6½	44½	66	22½	48½	64½
Prudntl	750	38	65½	110	4	36½	53½
(*783)	800	9½	60½	85½	25	61	78
Rio Tinto	800	44	85½	108	4½	30	50
(*840)	850	10½	58½	83	20½	53	74½
Rtkand	330	15½	16	—	½	1	—
(*345)	360	½	6½	—	15½	15½	—
R-Royce	280	14½	31½	41½	2½	14	21
(*293)	300	3½	21	31½	9½	23	30½
Tesco	500	50	70	85	½	14½	24
(*549)	550	9	40½	56½	9	32½	41½
Utd Bisc	260	10	23	28	1½	9	15½
(*268)	280	1	13½	18½	12½	19	25½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
BG	330	15½	29½	38	10½	18½	25
(*333)	360	5	16½	26	29½	36	41½
BSkyB	420	41	57½	69	8	20½	28½
(*452)	460	18	36½	48½	23	38	46½
Br Bio	60	9½	14½	18	8	10	13½
(*63½)	70	5½	10½	14½	11½	15½	19
Centrica	100	5½	11	14½	4½	7	7½
(*101)	110	2	7	10½	10½	12½	13
Dixons	550	49	70	88	6	23½	30½
(*591)	600	18½	43½	60	25	46½	52
EMI	500	61½	78½	93½	11½	27	35
(*550)	550	33	53	70	30	50½	58½
Granada	1050	64	100	128	18½	43½	56½
(*1088½)	1100	36	75½	102	39	66	80
GUS	850	40	76	92½	24	43½	59
(*863)	900	18	51½	68½	51½	69½	85
Lloyds TSB	850	61	98	123½	24½	54½	69½
(*881)	900	34½	72½	98½	48	79	91
Lonrho	321	18	30½	—	13	25½	—
(*322)	353	6½	18	—	34	45½	—
Norwich	420	27½	48½	60½	11½	25	34
(*431½)	460	11	30	42½	34	46½	55
Orange	420	33½	55	68½	13	25	34
(*441)	460	15	36	50½	33	45½	54
Relsrck	1150	59½	106	139	47½	71½	89
(*1185½)	1200	37	81½	110	73½	98	124
Scot Pwr	500	51	66½	82½	7½	21	28½
(*546½)	550	19	43	57	30	44	52½
Tarmac	110	8½	13½	15½	3	5	7½
(*115½)	120	3	8	10½	8	10	13
Tomkins	330	25½	35½	41½	4	13½	16½
(*349½)	360	8½	20	28½	16½	28½	31½
Unilever	650	42	67	81½	14½	31	37½
(*671½)	700	18	43	56	40	56	61½

May 14 Total: 35554 Calls: 18983 Puts: 16571

FTSE INDEX (*5919½)

Strike	Calls May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Dec	Puts May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Dec
5750	177	301	373	446	—	1	103½	148	205	—
5800	127	262½	339½	416½	629½	1½	116½	165½	224	325½
5850	77	232	310	387	—	5	136	185½	243	—
5900	37	198½	280½	357	562	15½	156½	208½	262½	363
5950	11½	170½	251½	327½	—	40	177	229½	282	—
6000	1½	143½	221½	298	498	81	201½	251	302½	408
6050	½	119½	198	270	—	131	227½	278	326	—
6100	½	100½	177	246½	439½	181	256	308½	354	450

May 14 Total: 5999 Calls: 2914 Puts: 3085 *Underlying security price

FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Jun 98	108.19	108.20	107.79	107.94	107352
Previous open interest 328	Sep 98	108.16	108.27	108.13	108.13	175
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Jun 98	106.85	106.98	106.79	106.89	48043
Previous open interest 147710	Sep 98	106.48	106.50	106.44	106.46	188
Five Year Gilt	Jun 98	102.70	102.70	102.55	102.60	320
Previous open interest 10117	Sep 98				103.93	0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Jun 98	118.53	118.68	118.45	118.51	23099
Previous open interest 136236	Sep 98				118.97	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 98	132.58	132.62	132.52	132.53	2615
	Sep 98	132.56	132.57	132.51	132.49	1376
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 98	92.540	92.540	92.490	92.500	58993
	Sep 98	92.650	92.650	92.580	92.600	37187
Previous open interest 907465	Dec 98	92.790	92.790	92.730	92.750	64023
Three Mth Euromark	Jun 98	96.320	96.330	96.300	96.325	54891
Previous open interest 2399655	Sep 98	96.170	96.170	96.140	96.165	48413
Three Mth Eurolira	Jun 98	95.260	95.260	95.230	95.240	17490
Previous open interest 1003786	Sep 98	95.760	95.760	95.730	95.740	13109
Three Mth Euroswiss	Jun 98	98.400	98.420	98.370	98.385	12633
Previous open interest 156543	Sep 98	98.210	98.220	98.170	98.190	14532
Three Mth ECU	May 98				95.750	0
Previous open interest 46984	Jun 98	95.755	95.760	95.750	95.750	178
FTSE 100	Jun 98	6013.0	6019.0	5926.0	5947.0	25830
Previous open interest 165602	Sep 98	6026.5	6026.5	6026.5	6023.5	600

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7¼ Finance Hse 8

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 7 Week fixed: 7¼

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 7 ; 3 mth 7 . Sell: 2 mth 6¾ ; 3 mth: 6¾ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛
Interbank:	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛

Overnight: open 7¼, close 7¼.

Local Authority Deps:	7¼	n/a	7¼	7¼	7¼
Sterling CDs:	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.53	n/a	5.59	5.66	5.81
Building Society CDs:	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	3¾-3⅝	3¾-3⅝	3¾-3⅝	3⅞-3¾	4-3
French Franc:	3¾-3⅝	3¾-3⅝	3¾-3⅝	3¾-3⅝	3¾-2¾
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1½-½
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	1-par

PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $297.30-297.70 Close: $297.20-297.70 High: $298.35-298.85 Low: $295.60-296.10 AM: $296.90 PM: $296.15

Krugerrand: $298.50-300.50 (£183.00-185.00)

Platinum: $402.00 (£247.40) Silver: $5.615 (£3.445) Palladium: $388.00 (£238.75)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2465-3.2686	3.2653-3.2686	1¼-1pr	3¼-2¾pr
Brussels	59.430-59.897	59.795-59.897	22-17pr	58-52pr
Copenhagen	10.973-11.048	11.038-11.048	½-¼pr	½-¼pr
Dublin	1.1423-1.1527	1.1504-1.1527	13-5pr	39-30pr
Frankfurt	2.8813-2.9009	2.8975-2.9009	⅝-½pr	2¼-2⅛pr
Lisbon	295.10-297.20	296.85-297.20	⅝-½pr	2¼-2⅛pr
Madrid	244.70-246.34	246.12-246.34	67-58pr	194-177pr
Milan	2856.7-2859.9	2856.7-2859.9	56-40pr	181-159pr
Montreal	2.3507-2.3628	2.3605-2.3628	0.51-0.47pr	0.99-0.92pr
New York	1.6220-1.6312	1.6302-1.6312	0.255-0.235pr	0.713-0.682pr
Oslo	12.096-12.160	12.149-12.160	⅝-½pr	⅝-½pr
Paris	9.6610-9.7277	9.7201-9.7277	3½-3pr	9¾-8¾pr
Stockholm	12.478-12.559	12.535-12.559	⅝-½pr	⅝-½pr
Tokyo	217.51-218.74	218.47-218.74	1¼-1⅛pr	3¾-3½pr
Vienna	20.272-20.413	20.387-20.413	⅝-½pr	2-1½pr
Zurich	2.3956-2.4150	2.4124-2.4150	1¼-1⅛pr	3½-3⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.5943-1.5956
Austria	12.48-12.49
Belgium (Com)	36.60-36.61
Canada	1.4495-1.4500
Denmark	6.7650-6.7700
France	5.9495-5.9520
Germany	1.7748-1.7753
Hong Kong	7.7465-7.7475
Ireland	1.4195-1.4215
Italy	1749.30-1750.80
Japan	133.87-133.97
Malaysia	3.7800-3.8000
Netherlands	1.9990-2.0000
Norway	7.4360-7.4520
Portugal	181.76-181.84
Singapore	1.6550-1.6570
Spain	150.70-150.74
Sweden	7.6872-7.6922
Switzerland	1.4769-1.4778

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6268-1.6295
Australia dollar	2.5943-2.5979
Bahrain dinar	0.606-0.620
Brazil real*	1.8600-1.8629
China yuan	13.326-13.635
Cyprus pound	0.839-0.859
Finland markka	8.715-8.864
Greece drachma	495.75-507.85
Hong Kong dollar	12.6005-12.6098
India rupee	64.88-66.38
Indonesia rupiah	unq
Kuwait dinar KD	0.491-0.504
Malaysia ringgit	6.1323-6.1686
New Zealand dollar	3.0461-3.0519
Pakistan rupee	70.05 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8525-5.9895
Singapore dollar	2.6912-2.6971
S Africa rand (com)	8.176-8.363
U A E dirham	5.905-6.043

*Barclays Treasury * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	569	LASMO	3,738
ASDA Gp	6,278	Legal & Gn	1,783
Abbey Ntl	2,926	Lloyds TSB	9,752
Allied Dom	2,357	LucasVarity	3,860
Allnce & Leic	5,999	Marks Spr	3,323
Amvescap	739	Nat Grid	2,853
AB Foods	2,112	Nat Power	2,225
Bk of Scot	2,103	NatWst Bk	4,626
BAA	3,198	Next	12,580
Barclays	3,489	Norwich Un	7,666
Bass	834	Nycomed Amr	147
BAT Inds	4,526	Orange	914
BG	5,801	P & O	2,086
Billiton	3,211	Pearson	1,946
Blue Circle	1,669	PowerGen	834
BOC	984	Prudential	3,589
Boots	758	Railtrack	3,272
BAe	3,705	Rank Group	2,587
BA	2,958	Reckitt Col	619
Brit Energy	5,714	Reed Intl	4,309
Br Land	1,447	Rentokil	7,684
BP	12,337	Reuters	4,550
Brit Steel	6,920	Rio Tinto	4,408
BSkyB	2,157	Rolls Royce	4,353
BT	10,170	Royal & Sun	2,698
BTR	4,772	Royal Bk Sct	1,327
Cable Wire	3,160	Safeway	2,752
Cadbury	4,604	Sainsbury	3,154
Carlton Cms	778	Schroders	185
Centrica	8,706	Scot & New	556
Cm Union	1,187	Scot Power	2,875
Compass Gp	1,099	Svrn Trent	1,724
Diageo	6,629	Shell Trans	11,343
EMI	2,505	Siebe	1,881
Energy Gp	12,257	Smiths Ind	680
Enterpr Oil	3,591	SmKl Bch	8,073
Gen Acc	569	Std Chartd	5,256
Gen Elec	6,723	Sun Life	255
GKN	1,698	Tesco	4,146
Glaxo Well	3,850	Thames W	570
Granada	2,767	Tomkins	7,028
GUS	1,428	Unilever	8,077
GRE	2,209	Utd News	1,709
Hays	801	Utd Utilities	2,098
ICI	1,643	Vodafone	14,407
Kingfisher	766	Whitbread	876
HSBC	6,269	Williams	4,371
Halifax	3,392	Wolseley	5,058
Ladbroke	17,719	Woolwich	3,157
Land Secs	1,922	Zeneca	1,120

WALL STREET

	May 14 midday	May 13 close
AMP Inc	38⅞	39
AMR Corp	152½	150⅞
AT & T	57¼	58¼
Abbott Labs	73	73½
Advanced Micro	26¼	26
Aetna Life	78⅞	78⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	80½	80¾
Air Prod & Chem	89⅞	90¼
AirTouch Comm	50⅞	50½
Albertson's	47	46⅞
Alcan Alumnm	32⅛	32¼
Allied Signal	43⅞	44⅛
Alum Co of Am	76½	76⅞
Amerada Hess	57⅞	57¼
AEP	46⅞	46⅞
Amer Express	105⅞	105⅞
Amer Genl Corp	66⅞	67⅛
Amer Home Pr	47⅞	47¼
Amer Intl	129⅞	129¼
Amer Online	89¼	89⅞
Amer Stores	23¼	23¼
Amer Standard	45⅞	45¼
Ameritech	44⅛	43⅞
Amgen	60¼	60⅞
Amoco	44⅛	43½
Andrew Corp	22½	22⅞
Anheuser-Busch	47⅛	46⅞
Apple Computer	30½	30⅛
Archer Daniels	20¼	20½
Armco	6⅞	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	83⅞	83¼
Asarco	24⅛	24½
Atl Richfield	81⅛	80⅞
Atmel Corp	18⅞	18¼
Auto Data Pro	66¼	66¼
Avery Dennison	51½	51⅛
Avon Products	88	86¼
Baker Hughes	37¼	37⅞
Baltim Gas & El	30⅞	31⅛
Banc One	56¼	56⅛
BankAmerica	84	83⅞
Bank of NY	58⅞	59¼
Bankers Tr Crp	128½	128⅞
Bausch & Lomb	51	49½
Baxter Intl	56¼	55⅞
Bectn Dicknsn	71⅞	71⅛
Bell Atlantic	92	92⅛
BellSouth	68¼	66½
Best Foods	55⅞	55¼
Black & Decker	56⅛	56
Block (H&R)	43⅛	42⅞
Boeing	49¼	49½
Boise Cascade	38⅛	37⅞
Boston Scien	71¼	71⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	110⅞	109⅞
Browning Ferris	33⅞	33¼
Brunswick	31⅞	31⅞
Burlington Nthn	103⅞	102½
CMS Energy Corp	42	42
CSX	54½	55
CBS Corp	33⅞	32⅞
Campbell Soup	54½	53¼
Carolina Pwr	41½	41½
Case Corp	59	59⅞
Caterpillar	57⅛	56¼
Central & SW	26½	26¼
Champion Intl	55⅛	54½
Chase Manhat	140½	139¼
Chevron Corp	85¼	84⅞
Chrysler	52⅛	51⅛
Chubb Corp	76⅞	76½
Cigna Corp	213¼	213½
Citicorp	151½	150¼
Clorox	81⅞	81½
Coastal Corp	74¼	74
Coca Cola	78	77⅞
Coca Cola Ent	37¼	37¼
Colgate-Palm	88	88
Columbia Energy	81½	81⅛
ColumbiaHCA	32⅛	32
Compaq Comp	31½	31⅞
Comp Ass Int	59¼	58½
Conagra	29⅞	29¼
Cons Edison	44	44½
Cons Nat Gas	56½	56⅞
Cooper Inds	69¼	68⅞
Corning Inc	41⅛	41
C'wide Credit	45½	46¼
Crestar Finl	58½	58⅞
Crown Cork	51⅞	51⅞
Dana Corp	55⅛	55⅛
Dayton Hudson	45¼	45⅛
Deere	56⅛	56
Delta Air Lines	115½	114¼
Deluxe Corp	33¼	33¼
Digital Equip	59⅞	59⅞
Dillard Dept St	41	40½
Disney (Walt)	116¼	118¼
Dominion Res	39½	39⅞
Donelley (RR)	45¼	45⅞
Dover Corp	39½	39⅛
Dow Chemical	100	100⅞
Dow Jones	47⅞	47¼
Dresser	49¼	49¼
Duke Energy	55¼	55¼
Dun & Brdstreet	34½	34⅞
Du Pont	82	81⅞
Eastman Chem	70⅛	70⅞
Eastman Kodak	70¼	71½
Eaton Corp	89⅞	89¼
Edison Intl	28⅞	28¼
Elect Data Sys	37⅛	37½
Emerson Elec	63⅞	63¼
Engelhard Corp	22⅛	22⅞
Enron Corp	51½	52½
Entergy	24½	24¼
Ethyl Corp	7½	7½
Exxon	73⅞	73½
FDX Holding	65½	65½
FMC Corp	77⅛	77
FPL Group	60¼	60⅛
Fifth Third Banc	52½	52½
Fleet Finl Grp	83⅞	83⅞
Fluor Corp	46⅞	46½
Ford Motor	48¼	48½
Fort James	50½	50⅞
Fortune Brands	36¼	37
Franklin Res	53¼	53⅞
GTE Corp	59⅞	59
Gannett	67½	67½
Gap Inc Del	54⅞	54½
Gateway 2000	54¼	55
Gen Dynamics	43½	43½
Gen Electric	84¼	84⅞
Gen Mills	68¼	68½
Gen Motors	74⅞	75⅞
Gen Reinsurance	224⅞	223⅞
Gen Signal	42⅞	42⅞
Genuine Parts	34¼	35⅛
Georgia Pac	78½	78¼
Gillette	117⅞	117⅞
Glaxo Wellc ADR	55¼	55¼
Goodrich (BF)	54⅞	54⅛
Goodyear Tire	69⅞	68½
Great Lakes	50⅞	51⅛
Halliburton	51⅞	51⅞
Harcourt General	54⅞	53⅞
Heinz (HJ)	55	54½
Hercules	46½	46⅞
Hershey Foods	70⅛	70½
Hewlett Packard	71½	81½
Hilton Hotels	32½	32⅞
Home Depot	71⅞	71⅛
Homestake Mng	11½	11⅞
Honeywell	93⅛	93½
Household Intl	134½	134½
Houston Inds	28⅛	28⅞
Humana	26⅛	26½
Ikon Office	22⅞	22½
Illinois Tool	70¼	69⅞
Illinova	28¼	28½
INCO	16⅛	15⅞
Ingersoll Rand	46⅞	46⅛
Inland Steel	28⅛	28⅛
Intel Corp	85½	84⅞
IBM	128	121⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	49⅞	49⅞
Intl Paper	54⅞	54¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	72½	72⅛
Kellogg	40¼	40⅞
Kerr-McGee	66¼	65½
Kimberly-Clark	51½	51⅞
Kmart	18¼	18⅞
Knight-Ridder	59¼	58½
Lilly (Eli)	68¼	68½
Limited Inc	35⅛	34⅛
Lincoln Nat	91	90⅞
Litton	59⅞	59¼
Liz Claiborne	49⅛	49¼
Lockheed Martin	112¼	113
Louisiana Pac	21¼	21½
MCI Comm	50⅞	49½
Manpower Inc	43½	43⅞
Marriott Intl	32⅛	33¼
Marriott Intl A	32¼	32⅞
Marsh & McLnn	88	88½
Masco Corp	58⅞	58½
May Dept St	65⅛	65¼
Maytag Corp	51½	50⅞
McDonalds	63⅛	63⅛
McGraw Hill	73¼	74¼
Mead Corp	36¼	35⅞
Meditrust Corp	29⅛	29¼
Medtronic	51¼	50⅞
Mellon Bk	71½	72½
Merck Inc	117½	117½
Mercury Fin	0½	0⅞
Merrill Lynch	87⅛	86½
Microsoft	90⅛	86⅞
Minnesota Mine	95	94½
Mirage Resorts	22½	22½
Mobil Corp	81⅛	80½
Monsanto	56½	55⅞
Morgan (JP)	130½	131⅞
Motorola Inc	58¼	59½
Mylan Labs	28⅞	28⅛
Natl Semi	20½	20⅞
Natl Service Ind	54⅞	54¼
Navistar Intl	28⅛	27½
NY Times A	70⅞	72⅛
Newmont Mng	29¼	29⅞
Nike B	46¼	47⅛
NL Industries	20¼	20½
Nordstrom	70⅛	68½
Norfolk Sthrn	34½	33½
Nthn State Pwr	55⅞	56½
Norwest Corp	38⅛	38
Occidental Pet	29	28⅞
Office Depot	33⅞	33¼
Oracle	26⅛	26
Oryx Energy Co	25⅛	25½
Owens Corning	39⅞	39½
PPG Industries	75⅞	76⅛
PMI Group	77½	77½
PNC Bank	59⅛	59⅛
PP&L Res	22½	22⅛
Paccar Inc	57	56½
Pacificorp	22⅞	23⅛
Pac Enterprises	38½	38⅛
PaineWebber	44½	44½
Pall Corp	20½	20⅛
Parker Hannifin	44⅛	44
Peco Energy	23⅛	23¼
Penney (JC)	71⅛	71¼
Pennzoil	62⅛	62⅛
Pepsico	39½	39¼
Pfizer	109¼	110⅛
Pharm & Upjhn	43⅛	43½
Phelps Dodge	65⅛	65½
Philip Morris	37	37
Phillips Pet	50⅛	49⅞
Pitney Bowes	48⅛	48
Polaroid	42⅛	42⅞
Procter & Gmbl	82½	82½
Providian	59	59½
Pub Serv E & G	33¼	33⅛
Quaker Oats	57½	56½
Ralston Purina	110¼	108⅞
Raychem Corp	40	39⅞
Raytheon B	56⅞	56⅞
Reebok Intl	29⅞	30⅛
Reliastar Fin	43½	43¼
Reynolds Metals	65⅛	66⅛
Rockwell Intl	56⅞	57
Rohm & Haas	114½	114½
Royal Dutch	57⅛	57½
Rubbermaid	31½	31⅛
SBC Comms	38¼	38
Safeco Corp	48⅞	49
St Paul's Cos	44½	44⅛
Sara Lee Corp	60⅛	60½
Schering Plough	87¼	86½
Schlumberger	81⅞	82⅛
Seagram	42⅞	43⅛
Sears Roebuck	61½	62
Shell Trans	45⅛	45½
Sherwin Wllms	34⅞	34⅞
Silicon Graphics	12⅞	12½
Snap-On-Tools	44½	44⅛
Southern Co	26	26¼
Southtrust	42¼	42½
Sprint Corp	70½	70½
Stanley Works	49⅞	49⅞
Starwood H & R	49⅞	50½
Sun Company	42⅛	42⅛
Sun Microsys	42⅞	43¼
Suntrust	79⅛	79¼
Supervalu	43⅞	43½
Synovus Fin	34⅛	34⅞
Sysco Corp	24	23⅞
TRW Inc	55¼	55⅞
TIG Hldgs	24¼	24½
Tandy Corp	46⅛	46½
Temple Inland	65¼	65½
Tenet Healthcare	36⅛	35⅞
Tenneco	42½	43
Texaco	61¼	62½
Texas Inst	62⅞	63⅛
Texas Utilities	38⅞	38⅞
Textron	79½	79¼
Thermo Elect	37½	37⅞
Time Warner	79⅛	80
Times-Mirror A	63½	63⅛
Timken	40⅛	40⅞
Torchmark	44¼	42⅞
Toys R Us	28	28⅛
Transamerica	115	115½
Travelers	61⅛	61½
Tribune	68⅛	67½
UST Inc	27⅛	27⅛
US Bancorp	119½	119
UAL	82½	81½
Unitrin	72	72½
US Inds	27¼	27½
US West Comm	50⅛	49⅞
US West Media	38⅞	39
USAirways Group	68½	67¼
USX Marathon	36⅛	36
Unicom	34¼	34½
Unilever NV	77⅛	78
Union Camp	62¼	62⅛
Union Carbide	54⅛	53⅞
Union Pacific	55⅞	55½
Unisys Corp	26⅛	26½
United Tech	96⅛	96½
Unocal Corp	39⅛	39⅛
VF Corp	52⅛	52¼
Wal-Mart Stores	54⅛	54½
Warner-Lambert	189⅞	186½
Waste Mngmt	33½	33½
Wells Fargo	380½	378½
Weyerhaeuser	58⅞	58⅛
Whirlpool	67¼	67
Whitman	20⅛	20⅛
Winn Dixie	39⅛	39½
Witco Corp	39	39⅛
Woolworth	21⅛	21⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	91½	92½
Xerox	108⅞	109¼
Xilinx Inc	46⅞	46½

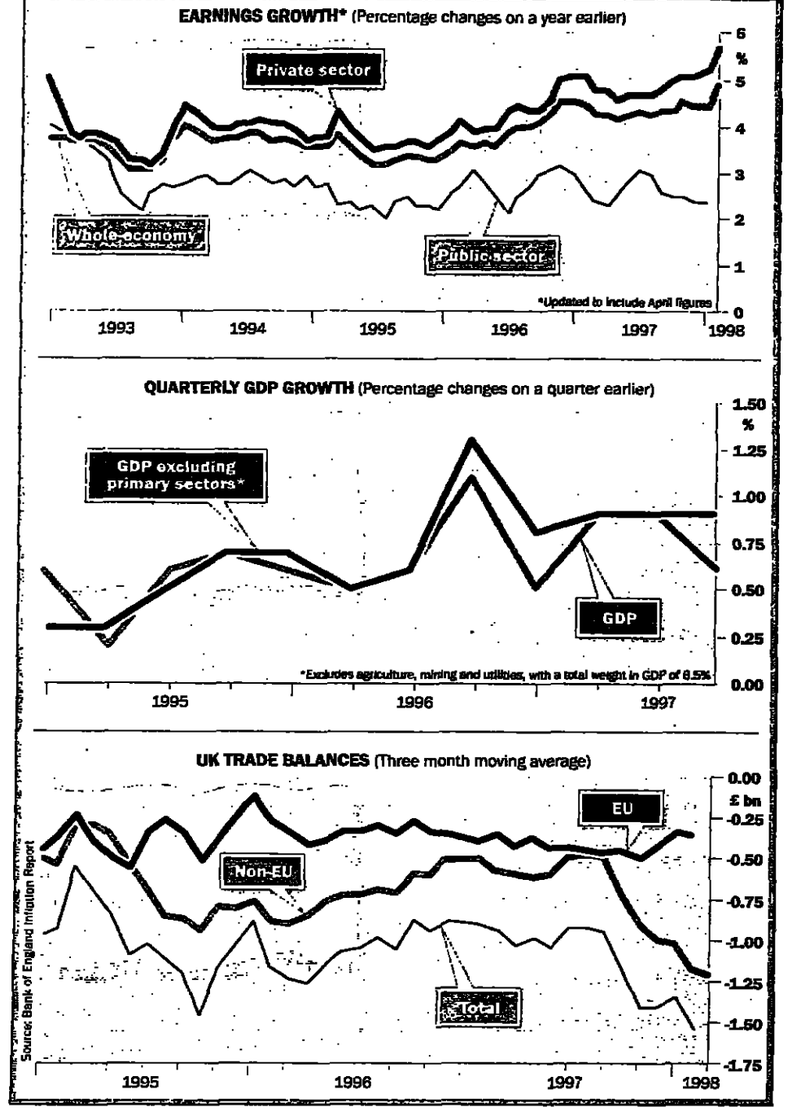
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ECONOMIC VIEW  ANATOLE KALETSKY

Another nightmare looms for Threadneedle Street

Britain could avert a sterling-inflation spiral by announcing that it would join EMU



Will the nightmare recur? A year ago, after Gordon Brown's first Budget, the London office of Goldman Sachs published a circular under this title. It suggested that the British economy was on the brink of a boom-bust cycle similar to the late 1980s. To avoid this disaster, the Bank of England would have to raise interest rates immediately to somewhere between 8 and 9 per cent. Only with such drastic action could the inflationary spiral be stopped before it got out of hand.

How different the world looks today. Industrial output is stagnant. Manufacturers are facing ruin. Newspaper headlines assert that Britain is already in recession. Even the big high street retailers complain of falling profits and find their shares collapsing on the Stock Exchange. And all this is happening with interest rates at only 7.25 per cent. Imagine the state we would all be in if the Bank had raised interest rates to 8 or 9 per cent, as demanded so noisily last year by Goldman Sachs, along with many other distinguished commentators. Rarely, it seems, have so many economists been proved so wrong so quickly.

Yet economic policy is full of surprises. Would it not be the ultimate irony if the doom-mongers were proved right after all, just as the country is bracing itself for recession instead of inflation? Until this week, an inflationary boom followed by a 1990-style bust did not seem remotely plausible. But on Wednesday my confidence was badly shaken by a coincidence of two events.

First came the April employment figures, which showed an astonishing acceleration of earnings in the private sector to 5.6 per cent. An hour later, the Bank of England produced its quarterly *Inflation Report* — a document startling in its complacency about inflation.

The Bank concluded that the main short-term risks for output and inflation were now clearly on the downside — the opposite of its view only three months before. Its medium-term projections still showed inflation rising above the target in two years' time, but this time there was no hint that such long-term inflationary pressure might necessitate higher interest rates.

Why is the Bank suddenly so confident? Obviously there has been some weakening of the economy and exports since February. But the figures presented in the Bank's report actually cast doubt on such anti-inflationary factors. The report showed, for example, that nearly all of the slowdown in output growth since the middle of last year was due to weather-related weakness in gas, electricity, agriculture and mining (see chart). It also pointed out that the British trade balance with other European countries has remained unchanged since 1995, despite the sharp fall of the pound against European currencies. The real damage to Britain's net exports has come in trade outside Europe, which has actually been less affected by the strength of the pound (see chart). Mervyn King, the Bank's chief economist, went further on Wednesday, offering a long list of factors, including the recent weakening of sterling, the new minimum wage and the acceleration in pay settlements, which would *add* to inflationary risks.

But despite all these obvious pressures, this week's report was more cavalier about the risks of inflation than any the Bank has published for years. Looking at this analysis alongside the sudden acceleration in wages, I was struck by an awful question. Could "the nightmare" recur after all? Could the Bank be about to repeat the mistakes made in 1988 by Nigel Lawson?

The Bank's confidence rests ultimately on the view that a strong pound will, on its own, keep inflation and industrial costs under control. This is exactly what Nigel Lawson thought in 1987 when he decided to shadow the mark. And this is essentially why the Bank believes today that no further tightening is needed, even though the 2.5 per cent inflation target remains tantalisingly out of reach.

But hang on. What if the Bank does keep missing its inflation target? After all, 2.5 per cent is just an arbitrary number. The whole point of rational demand management is to balance low unemployment against inflation control. So why am I suddenly worried by the Bank's apparent indifference to the magic 2.5 per cent?

Because I know that this indifference is only a passing whim. The members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), if they continue to miss the inflation target even by a modest margin, will not just shrug their shoulders. At some point, they will panic and overreact. This, again, was precisely the mistake Nigel Lawson and John Major made after 1989.

As I have argued before, the MPC is not really divided between "hawks", uniquely obsessed with inflation, and "doves", who are willing to take a calculated risk with inflation. The so-called doves on the MPC are actually "chickens". They vote against higher rates not because they want faster growth but because they are frightened by the strength of sterling, or the crisis in Asia, or simply a loss of face if they later have to change their minds. Even more than the genuine hawks, these chickens are likely to panic if they suddenly decide the economy is too strong, inflation is too high or sterling is falling too steeply. And the experience of the 1980s suggests that panic could set in at the worst possible moment, triggering a run on sterling, aggravating inflation and ultimately causing a serious economic crisis.

Imagine one such scenario. Inflation continues to run at about 3 per cent and wages to rise by between 5 and 6 per cent. Even assuming that British industry is not uncompetitive today at DM2.90 to the pound, it soon becomes uncompetitive. Britain's manufacturers, after all, have achieved zero productivity growth over the past two years, while their competitors in Europe and America have held wages down to 2 or 3 per cent and are boosting productivity by 5 per cent plus. At some point, perhaps quite soon, investors decide that the pound really is unsustainable anywhere near its present level.

The pound falls further. This encourages the Bank to nudge interest rates upwards, but the monetary tightening only adds to anxiety among investors. They know that currency devaluation is normally a blessing for a country in recession, as Britain was from 1992 to 1994. But for an economy near full employment and struggling against wage inflation, devaluation can be a disaster. The pound therefore falls in response to the Bank's monetary tightening. This fuels inflation and forces the Bank to raise interest rates again.

A vicious circle begins. The Bank has to raise interest rates more aggressively — not by quarter-point nudges, but by full-point jumps. Britain is back to a 1980s-style financial crisis and soon after that a deep recession. As in the 1980s, the recession is not caused by damage to exports from an "overvalued" exchange rate, but by a savage monetary squeeze on consumers to reverse a vicious circle of rising inflation and falling sterling.

Will such a nightmare recur? Almost certainly not. The Bank can still pre-empt a Lawson-style spiral in wages, inflation, interest rates and sterling.

The right way to do this would be for Eddie George, the leader of the chickens on the Monetary Policy Committee, to reinforce Gordon Brown's warning that "today's pay increase will be tomorrow's mortgage increase". The Governor could start by speaking the same tough language as the Chancellor, instead of repeating the whingeing excuses of flabby industrialists and exporters. Then, in the absence of an early and substantial improvement in either productivity or wages, the MPC could show its willingness to act. All this could still easily be done — and the good news is that Mr George is likely to rise to the challenge.

The bad news is that conventional wisdom will be tempted by a very different and typically British easy option. Instead of increasing productivity, controlling wages or improvement the management of monetary policy, Britain could avert a sterling-inflation spiral simply by announcing that it would join EMU. Sterling would stabilise at a comfortably low level, interest rates would fall instead of rising. National sovereignty would be a small price to pay for such boons. And if wages continued to accelerate, why worry? Inflation would in future be managed from Frankfurt, not Threadneedle Street.

Even disregarding the political implications, the EMU panacea sounds too good to be true — and it is. If you want to know why, just think back to the ERM panacea that came as the culmination of Britain's last economic nightmare.

Microsoft chief must tread carefully in Rockefeller footsteps

The world's richest man can learn 90-year-old lessons, says Oliver August

The summer heat in Washington was unbearable, sending tempers flaring in the courtroom fight between the Justice Department and America's premier monopolist. "Never before in the history of the United States had there been so far reaching a struggle between industry and government," wrote the historian Albert Carr.

The year was 1908 and in the dock was Standard Oil, the holding company of John D. Rockefeller. The ageing oil baron — who had spent his last few years away from his business, dedicated to philanthropy — was confronted with some 444 witnesses who delivered 11 million words of testimony. The Justice Department introduced 1,374 exhibits, filling 12,000 pages in 21 volumes.

Frank Kellogg, the prosecutor, charged that Standard Oil had eliminated competition in the petroleum sector and wildly driven up prices. To justify Standard's plush earnings, Rockefeller cited everything from fire hazards to the vagaries of drilling and the need to invest in new fields. Kellogg responded with sarcasm: "But Standard Oil has been paying enormous dividends right along." Lifting his eyes heavenward, Rockefeller said: "And we are grateful for it."

The facinating story of the antitrust battle is told in *Titan*, a new Rockefeller biography by Ron Chernow. One can be sure that if Bill Gates, the world's richest man, reads books, he will be reading this one. It contains a few lessons Mr Gates, a Harvard dropout, might find useful in his own looming antitrust battle with the Justice Department.

The comparison between the companies may seem far-fetched. Standard Oil was an industrial leviathan built up during the last century in the Texan outback. Microsoft is the quintessential technology company that has remained in the vanguard of the nimble computer business despite becoming America's second-biggest company. Any reader of Mr Chernow's book will readily admit to the vast differences between the two. But Mr Gates will find Standard Oil's dealings with the Justice Department eerily familiar.

Microsoft's squabbles with the Justice Department began in 1991, when the Federal Trade Commission, which shares regulatory responsibilities with the Justice Department, started an investigation of the company's near-monopoly position in the market for personal computer operating systems. Two years later the FTC board voted on a proposal to prosecute Microsoft. The board deadlocked and had to drop the investigation.

In the same year, the Justice Department and the European Commission launched their own investigations. To get them off its back, Microsoft signed a legal document called a consent decree in 1994, promising to eliminate anti-competitive restrictions on software competitors from contracts. This bought Microsoft three years of freedom.

But in October 1997 the Justice Department darkened Mr Gates's doorstep again, armed with a complaint that Microsoft had not abided by the 1994 consent decree. A court battle ensued and is set to continue. Having its appetite whetted, the Justice Department then moved to bring a broader antitrust case against the company this month.

Such scrapping with politicians and civil servants in Washington would have been only too familiar to the founder of the Rockefeller dynasty. The reclusive John D was forced to defend his actions over more than three decades. He was an immensely private and religious man who would give up to 10 per cent of his fortune to charity every year. But the American public only saw his greed and that he more than replenished his coffers after every giving spree. Together with J P Morgan, the king of Wall Street, he became a bogeyman and scapegoat for the failings of the industrial age.

Teddy Roosevelt partly built the political career that took him all the way to the White House on trust-busting. He was the first to use the Sherman Act, going after Morgan in 1902. The act had been drawn up in 1890 in response to monopolising efforts by Rockefeller and others. Some 108 years later it is still the chief weapon of the US Government against companies that threaten competition, and it forms the basis of the case against Microsoft.

Mr Gates will be keenly aware of the mistakes Rockefeller made in his dealings with Roosevelt. Foreshadowing the Microsoft indictment this month, the Justice Department filed its suit under the Sherman Act on November 18, 1906. In a letter marked "strictly confidential", Rockefeller told an associate it was just a flimsy vendetta by Roosevelt. "This program is the usual topic of his present day talk with friends and he shows a disposition that is vindictive."

Rockefeller grossly underestimated Roosevelt and the Justice Department. The President was heading a poular crusade, and Mr Kellogg used the public stage as a springboard for a political career that catapulted him to the post of Secretary of State in the 1920s.

Mr Kellogg's present day equivalent is Joel Klein, a Justice Department lawyer who has risen from obscurity to being one of the most feared men in corporate America. Taking a boardroom call from Klein is like discovering malignant lumps under your skin, a senior US executive remarked. If the Democrats win the next presidential election, Mr Klein is likely to be elevated to the Cabinet.


Klein: feared lawyer

What type of end game Mr Klein has in mind is not clear. The court case against Standard Oil ended with the breaking up of the company in 1911. Ironically, it made Rockefeller an even richer man. The forced demerger created a string of new companies that still dominate the US oil sector today and whose market value is vastly greater than Standard Oil's ever was. They are Exxon, Mobil, Amoco and Chevron.

Could the same happen to Microsoft? At the moment, the Justice Department is not aiming for a demerger. Instead, it wants to keep Microsoft out of certain market segments such as Internet browsers, or at least ensure that the company is not using dominance in one sector to bully its way to the top of another. But a break-up of the $240 billion (£147 billion) company is not unthinkable. If it generated more market value for the shareholders it may even be a vote-winner, seeing that Microsoft is one of the most widely owned companies in America.

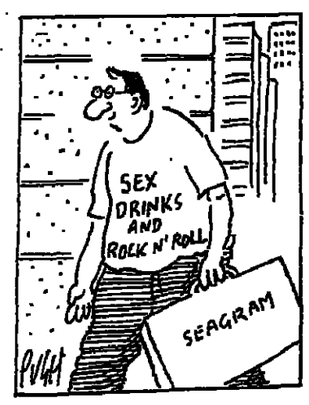
A break-up of Microsoft could amount to the biggest electoral bribe of all time. The only loser would be Mr Gates, who would no longer be given the red carpet treatment from London to Moscow. Like Rockefeller, who was 72 when he lost his empire, the software king is keener on amassing power than on growing his $40 billion fortune any further.



Liffe sighs

MORE strife for Liffe, the London derivatives market off whose Christmas card list I have most definitely been crossed. They have had to admit the inevitable, and postpone the meeting set for next Thursday at which 220 members would vote on the shareholding structure and the form of electronic trading to be used in future. These are horribly contentious issues, and at least one board member, David Kyte, has already angrily walked out over them. A huge booklet defining the board's intentions must go to members, and they must then by law have two weeks to consider it before they vote. As the book will not be posted until next week at the earliest, someone at Liffe has realised that May 21 is not really going to happen, meeting-wise.

Liffe is blaming the complexity of the job and the need to get it right, which is fair enough. But the irony is that the reason Kyte resigned was the fact that it took ages to get anything, but *anything*, done at Liffe. Alas, it is an irony lost on Liffe when I pointed it out yesterday afternoon.



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

● *BENJAMIN STONE, a construction analyst at Schroders, woke up yesterday to find himself on the front page of* The Times *executive recruitment section, in an ad seeking graduate trainees. Stone must, I assume, be Schroders man* par excellence *to have been singled out so, but he has no idea why. Perhaps all his colleagues are grotesquely hirsute, in some way disfigured or otherwise unsuitable, I ask? He sounds uncertain. But he rings back five minutes later. "I've done a quick trawl and you're right. They're all hideously ugly."*

Land army

A CHANGE of the guard at Norwich Union at the annual meeting in its home town today. NU has over its 200-year history made much of its Norfolk roots, to the extent of using the county's landed set as an inexhaustible source of non-executives — I have even heard tell of a post being handed on from father to son, like the family seat. It is a practice not really suited to NU's status as a quoted company since last June.

Retiring today is Francis Cator, former deputy chairman of SG Warburg, which gives him undeniable City credentials. But he is a Norfolk landowner, as is Jonathan Peel, also departing. And in comes Bob Boaz, former managing director of, yes, SBC Warburg, who as far as I know does not own so much as a garden shed in Norfolk.

Late tackle

FURTHER excellent news of the rehabilitation of Ernest Saunders. An informant rings in with a claimed sighting in Stockholm, after the Chelsea-Stuttgart match on Wednesday night. I had always assumed Saunders was a QPR man, but my man says he often sees him at Stamford Bridge. Anyway, there he was, going into Café Opera, one of Stockholm's liveliest nightclubs, as my chap was coming out, no less. Or his double, I suppose. "No sign of Alzheimer's there," says my informant cuttingly, "that place doesn't close until four in the morning."

Deflation

A TELEPHONE call prompted by my piece about the Carnivore's Club and its search for an animal-shaped balloon for this summer's barbecue. There is a huge balloon shaped like a horse and rider, for some reason a Canadian Mountie, which a group of people are struggling to inflate at Speakers' Corner. Don't ask me why. It is described as "bigger than the Grosvenor House". Would the Club be interested? I will pass it on, but I can think of three reasons why not. One, we don't eat horses. Two, we don't eat Mounties. Three, during the course of the call the balloon collapses irretrievably.

Biker Harley

I FEAR for the safety of Ian Harley, newly appointed chief executive of Abbey National, heading for Cuba in January for a 250-mile bicycle ride on behalf of the National Deaf Children's Society. Not because Cuba is a dangerous place these days. But he has roped in three minders from the Abbey, and one at least seems a little vague on the route. They are cycling from Havana to Trinidad, and there is some mention of going *via* Tobago. He must be mistaken, because my atlas suggests that this is not a good idea. Sharks, you know.

MARTIN WALLER


Harley: shark bait?

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on 13 May 1998 has set the 1997 dividend at FF. 13.00 per share.

A tax credit of FF. 6.50 will be added to this dividend.

Payment of the dividend, the amount of which will be dependent on the terms of the double tax convention between France and Great Britain, will be settled upon presentation of the coupon and completion of form RF 4 GB.

Residents may lodge this form with the Bank acting as their agent, either in France or in the United Kingdom, at any time up to 31 December of the second year following the collection date of the coupons. As a result of French legislation on the «dematerialisation» of securities, payment of the coupons will be made through the banks with which the securities have been deposited.

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-do- Accum 72.18 75.20† +0.09 1.36
UK & General 140.31 146.17† -0.42 1.85
-do- Accum 189.12 197.02† -0.56 1.85
Uk Growth 278.73 290.37† -0.80 1.35
International Growth Funds
Europe Growth 365.38 380.64† +1.82 0.35
Far Eastern Gth 89.25 92.98† +1.20 0.30
Global Bond 73.08 76.13† +0.76 5.04
Japan Growth 82.54 85.99† +1.13
North Amer Gth 365.55 380.82† +5.10
Oriental Growth 52.86 55.07† +0.69 0.89
Worldwide Growth 95.70 99.70† +0.55 0.26
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)
Deposit Fund 92.05 92.05† +0.02 6.75
Homemaker Fund 115.85 123.28 +0.04 1.86

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 556 8800
Consistent UT 48.42 51.62 -0.29 2.50

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 358
Growth 228.20 242.70† -0.60 1.67
Income 98.63 104.93 -0.69 3.13
European Growth 120.60 128.30 -0.20 0.10
Recovery 259.50 276.10† +1.30 1.74

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494
Equity Dist 1401.40 1421.60 .. 3.03

CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MGMT FDS (UK) LTD
01277 690 370
European Inc 110.40 117.10 +0.40 0.27
Fellowship Tst 143.30 152.40† 0.88
Income # 390.90 415.80† -0.90 3.30
-do- Accum # 1096.00 1165.00 -3.00 3.30
Smaller Cos 289.40 307.80 +0.90 0.60
-do- Accum 362.90 386.00 +1.30 0.60
Gilt Portfolio 139.20 148.10 -0.60 1.02
Mthly Inc Port # 116.00 123.40 -0.30 3.16

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 470 1634
Global Sm Cos 2044.20 2073.60 +37.20 0.45
UK Small Cos 2642.40 2757.60 +81.30 3.21

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8819
Disc Inc 305.19 314.50† 2.26

DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD
Dealers:0171 656 7354 Client Helpline:0800 317573
Formerly KBUT
Amer Smlr Cos 236.32 251.40 +3.76
Asian Growth 165.77 176.35 +1.98 0.30
Bond Income 111.58 115.59 -0.10 6.40
European 323.98 344.65 +1.94 0.40
European Priv 161.17 171.45 +0.36 0.70
European Special 246.98 262.74 +3.53
Gilt Yield 131.56 138.60 -0.08 6.10
Global Eqty Inc 156.93 166.50 +0.28 1.40
High Yield # 226.68 241.14† -0.49 3.90
Japan 277.98 295.32 +2.95 ...
Japanese Special 127.50 135.63 +1.98
Money Market 104.71 104.71 +0.01 6.20
North American 171.70 182.63 +2.45
Smaller Cos 193.52 205.87 +1.23 0.80
Smllr Cos Div 81.24 86.42† +0.05 4.20
Tomorrows Co Er 1384.00 1403.00 -4.00 0.10
UK Equity Growth 70.80 75.31 +0.19 0.60
UK Index Inc 487.65 490.10† -1.19 2.47
Bucharn Tst 130.70 140.50 1.45
Global Income 275.45 293.03† -0.49 2.80
Formerly Thornton
European 553.07 579.13 +2.27 0.30
Europe Bd 40.08 41.48 +0.32 7.20
Exempt 988.62 1028.43† -3.47 1.80
Global Em Mkts 75.92 79.49† +1.19 0.30
Japan Tst 59.48 62.28† +0.58
Little Dragons 66.96 70.11† +0.87
Nth Amer Gwth 465.05 486.52 +6.05 0.50
Oriental Income # 34.54 36.16 +0.30 3.40
Preference 156.86 164.25† +0.04 7.80
Tiger 170.31 178.33† +2.30
UK Blue Chip 121.43 127.15 -0.02 1.10
UK Growth 953.45 998.38 -1.43 1.30
UK High Yield # 163.92 171.64† -0.39 3.90
UK Mid-Cap 498.65 522.14† -0.07 1.20
UK Smlr Cos Dir # 102.20 107.01 +0.51 5.50
Uk Smllr Cos 166.11 173.93 -0.78

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 090 526
Convertibles # 28.17 30.01 +0.04 4.67
Equity Income # 202.00 214.60 -0.50 2.98
European 97.58 103.30 -0.90
Financial 88.79 93.81 -0.21 1.07
UK Growth # 419.20 442.30 -1.10 1.98
High Dist # 249.60 265.00† -0.90 3.21
International 504.20 535.40 +1.60
Intl Cap Inc 134.70 143.60† -0.30 1.68
Latin American 34.88 37.06 -0.43
Mgd Gwth Port 114.00 119.10 -0.10 0.59
Pacific 62.51 66.42 -0.44
Pref High Inc 27.86 29.60† -0.04 6.08
Tokyo 140.60 148.70 +0.40
UK Smaller Cos 338.40 359.60† -1.10 0.97
Japan Sm Cos 230.90 244.40† -0.10
Nth Amer 639.00 675.50 +7.70

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
0171 242 0242
Growth Acc 367.40 396.70 0.16
Income 723.00 761.00 -0.20 4.08

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 375 7261
Endurance Fd 282.20 300.20† +3.60 0.98

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
01296 431 480
European 150.93 158.87 -0.02 1.16
Ethical Tst 65.56 69.01 +0.18 0.85
Far Eastern 212.52 223.71 +0.20 1.90
High Income 200.30 210.84† -1.39 3.35
UK Index Trckng 76.44 80.46 -0.45 2.10
Intl Growth 150.63 158.58 -0.88 1.35
North American 218.22 229.71 -0.50 1.26
Pelican 205.05 215.84† -1.07 2.24
Smaller Cos 89.44 94.15 +0.57 1.70
Special Sits 109.01 114.75 +0.01 2.44
Tst of Inv Tsts 275.60 290.10 +0.16 1.45

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
01392 412 144
Capital Growth 203.16 215.55† +2.81
Fd of Inv Tsts 72.20 76.60 +0.39 0.10
High Income # 51.67 54.79† +0.04 9.13
Man & Gl Opps 69.93 74.82 +0.49
Zero Preference 52.29 55.46 +0.08

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
01273 724 570
Family Asset Tst 143.50 152.60† -0.10 1.71
Charities Gth 399.40 424.80† -0.10 2.27

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161
Cash Fund
Cash Fund 100.00 100.00 6.90
Bond Funds
Intl Bond 26.52 +0.23 4.77
Strategic Inc 31.55 32.96 -0.05 5.11
Income Funds
High Income 34.43 36.11† -0.05 4.35
Income Plus # 199.70 212.40 -0.40 3.28
European Income 79.59 84.48 +0.32 1.09
Moneybuilder Gwth # 45.71 47.04 -0.20 2.02
Equity Funds
ASEAN 24.89 26.55 +0.21 ...
America 514.60 546.90 +9.00
Amer Spec Sits 265.60 283.30† +4.80
Japan Smaller Cos 18.35 19.47 +0.27
European 388.40 414.10 +2.20 0.26
European Opps 145.90 154.90† +0.70 0.36
Global Prtr 49.04 52.15 +0.28 0.31
UK Growth 182.50 194.10 -0.80 1.90
Growth & Inc # 266.20 283.10 -1.20 2.12
Intl PEP 70.280 74.730 +0.16 0.82
Japan Spec Sits 58.60 62.08 +0.80
Japan 146.20 154.60 +2.00
Managed Intl 505.90 536.60 +4.40 0.55
Moneybuilder Plus 90.56 91.20 +0.78 0.28
Recovery 82.110 87.310 +0.26 2.10
South E Asia 139.20 148.20 +2.20 1.41
Special Sits 1095.00 1165.00 +7.00 0.97
Specialist Funds
Cash Accum Units 125.31 125.31 +0.02 6.90

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 814 2700
Balanced # 189.40 191.10 ... 1.44
Fimbury Prf Inc # 117.60 118.50 -0.20 5.15
Cap Ptolio 222.10 223.60 +1.40 0.22
General Opps 188.30 189.50† 2.80
Growth Inc 54.84 55.53† +0.03 0.93
Private Portfolio 863.00 868.30 ... 1.17

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Dlg 01277 690 385 Admin/Val 01277 690 350
Euro Smllr Cos 255.20 271.10 +3.50
High Income 24.39 25.88† -0.06 8.69
Uk Smllr Cos 39.27 42.00 +0.15 1.64
US Smaller Cos 605.00 642.20 +7.10

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511
American Growth 127.00 134.40 +2.00
-do- Accum 127.00 134.40 +2.00
Amer Smll Cos 911.60 967.70 +12.20
-do- Accum 931.30 988.80 +12.50
Capital Tst 507.70 540.10† +0.80 1.26
-do- Accum 758.30 806.70† +1.10 1.26
Conts Smllr Cos 98.23 104.70 +1.20
-do- Accum 105.40 112.30 +1.30
Convertible 170.50 181.40 -0.30 5.83
-do- Accum 396.50 421.80 +0.90 5.83
Emerging Markets 59.19 63.24 +0.24 0.07
-do- Accum 59.70 63.78 +0.23 0.07
European 251.80 266.70 -0.10
-do- Accum 267.70 283.60 -0.10
Extra Income 551.50 586.70 -0.90 3.99
-do- Accum 918.80 977.20 -1.40 3.99
Financial 304.80 324.30† +1.70 0.38
-do- Accum 327.80 348.70† +1.80 0.38
Gilt Trust 63.99 65.98† -0.05 6.69
-do- Accum 108.30 111.80† -0.10 6.69
Health Fund Inc 307.60 327.20† +2.30
-do- Accum 307.60 327.20† +2.30
Income & Growth 318.60 338.90 -1.10 3.77
-do- Accum 531.60 565.50 -1.60 3.77
Intl Growth 548.50 583.30† +2.30
-do- Accum 609.00 647.80† +2.80
Japan & Gen 116.90 124.00 +1.50
-do- Accum 118.10 125.20 +1.50
Monthly Inc # 278.70 296.50† -0.50 3.81
-do- Accum # 295.20 314.00† -0.50 3.81
Managed Port Inc 150.30 158.20† +0.20 1.52
-do- Accum 167.40 176.20† +0.30 1.52
Quarterly Income # 73.10 78.21† -0.17 4.81
-do- Accum # 90.07 96.36† -0.21 4.81
UK Growth 88.74 95.47† -0.31 1.20
-do- Accum 89.17 105.50† -0.30 1.20

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Dealing 01722 715635 Enq 01722 715634
FP American 94.72 100.60 +1.14
FP Am Smllr Cos 246.70 263.10 +2.20
FP Asian Growth 150.50 160.50 +1.30
FP Australian 433.70 462.60 +1.10
FP Equity Dist 656.40 700.10† -0.80 1.42
-do- Accum 1510.00 1610.00 -1.00 1.42
FP Euro Gth 511.60 545.70 +3.10
-do- Accum 560.60 597.90 +3.50
FP Intl Bond 59.00 62.43 +0.60 3.93
FP Intl Gth Dist 51.82 55.27 +0.23 ..
-do- Accum 76.40 81.49 +0.35
FP Pac Basin Acc 161.70 172.40 +1.40 0.69
FP Income # 83.77 89.35 -0.21 3.86
-do- Accum # 311.90 332.60 -0.90 3.86
FP Jap Smllr Cos 163.40 174.20 +2.90 ..
FP Monthly Dist # 95.94 102.30† -0.10 4.47
FP Stlg Deposit 100.60 100.60† 6.45
FP Tokyo 63.16 67.37 +0.81
FP UK Focus 61.28 65.36† -0.19 0.97
FP UK Growth 290.20 309.50 -0.20 0.97
-do- Accum 602.00 642.10 -0.48 0.97
Stewardship Dist 560.60 597.90† +1.00 0.17
-do- Accum 722.30 770.40 +1.20 0.17
Stwdship Inc Dist # 87.18 92.99† +0.11 4.24
-do- Accum # 129.30 137.90 +0.20 4.24
Stwdship Intern 184.90 197.20 +1.20
-do- Accum 199.00 212.20 +1.20
FP Exempt Trust
Inst Ethical Io # 145.50 146.20 +0.10 2.34
Inst Ethical Ac # 149.10 149.80 +0.10 2.34
FP Managed Portfolio Service
Capital Gwth Acc 171.30 182.20† +0.20 0.43
Opps Cap Gth Acc 170.70 181.50 -0.40
Cap Gth Inc Inc # 158.09 159.50 2.34
Cap Gth Inc Acc # 164.40 174.80 2.34
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic # 155.89 165.70 -0.30 3.16
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac # 173.80 184.80 -0.20 3.16

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0345 581 106/7
GANDA 426.20 448.70† -0.50 1.04
Cash 49.36 50.10† +0.01 6.36
Income Portfolio 95.86 100.90† +0.10 2.24
GA Equity Gth 316.90 337.10 -0.60 0.81
GA European Gth 214.90 227.80† +0.10
GA Japan Gth 74.30 78.59† +0.43
GA Nth Amer Gth 363.90 383.00† +1.60
GA Intl Gth 162.00 172.00† +0.10

GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8431
American Smlr Cos 298.60 319.10 +3.70 0.10
European Gth 1159.00 1229.00 +1.00 0.14
Euro Eq & Bd Inc 68.99 74.08† +0.73 2.51
-do- Accum 82.38 87.09 +0.86 2.51
High Yield # 55.77 58.92† -0.11 6.65
-do- Accum # 68.27 72.13 -0.13 6.65
Income Inc 271.50 290.40 +0.90 2.95
-do- Accum 325.00 347.60 +1.10 2.95
Intl Growth 444.60 471.00 +2.30 1.76
Intl Income 136.80 144.70 +0.70 1.76
Japan Growth 391.20 415.20 +1.60 0.03
Orient Acc 128.00 136.60 +2.10 0.22
UK Blue Chip Inc 279.80 299.00 1.02
UK Blue Chip Acc 508.00 542.90 1.02
UK Sm Cos Div Acc 94.24 100.80 +0.60 1.15
US Growth 282.50 298.60 +2.30

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421
UK Growth Funds
British Growth 85.84 91.47 -0.31 1.26
Practical Inv Inc # 161.71 172.85 +0.90 2.78
-do- Accum # 403.82 431.89 +2.25 2.78
UK Index 260.16 261.47 -0.53 2.26
UK Smaller Cos 308.98 330.47 +1.82 1.01
Income Funds
Extra Yield 25.48 27.44† -0.01 6.69
High Income 49.78 53.03† -0.15 2.19
UK Growth & Inc 229.13 244.21 -0.66 1.94
Global Bond 28.28 29.31 +0.25 5.29
International Funds
Emerging Markets 44.12 47.19† +0.39
Global Managed 176.97 187.64† +1.24 0.88
Gold & Intl Res 80.67 86.26 +0.04
Global Utilities 220.09 234.36 +0.52 1.27
Overseas Funds
American 289.04 305.72 +3.17
European 226.66 241.01 +1.41 0.31
Euro Sel Opps 375.31 399.74 +2.66
Amer Emerging 335.33 350.02 +2.75
Hong Kong 113.96 121.86 +2.10 3.04
Japan 139.87 147.73 +2.03
Pacific Growth 138.54 148.17 +1.44 0.62
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds
Cash Trust 157.99 157.99† +0.03 6.77
Managed Equity 336.05 336.05† +0.09 1.52
Long Term Bal 349.59 349.59† +0.40 2.31
Med Term Bal 285.39 285.39† -0.05 2.83
UK Equity 431.65 431.65† -0.77 1.25
UK Emerging Cos 225.25 225.25 +0.41 1.88
American 483.84 483.84 +5.20 0.29
Japan 87.72 87.72 +0.98
European 581.26 581.26 +2.69 0.58
Index Linked Gilt 220.99 220.99 +0.24 2.37
Fixed Interest 212.61 212.61† -0.10 6.08
Ames Emergng 529.00 529.00 +5.28
Pacific 124.17 124.17 +3.71 1.62
Emerging Mkts 129.16 129.16 +0.85 0.71
Index Strat Japan 92.36 92.36 +1.12 0.50
-do- Pacific Rim 112.89 112.89 +1.44 3.51
-do- Cont Europe 315.19 315.19 +1.77 1.04
Index Strat USA 305.28 305.28 -3.71 0.94
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds
Managed Equity 159.84 169.18 -0.02
Med Term Bal 136.75 145.48 -0.03
Long Term Bal 158.05 168.13 -0.18
UK Equity 202.14 215.04 -0.40
UK Emerging Cos 166.53 173.33 +0.20
American 225.21 239.58 +2.57
Japan 41.98 44.65 +0.50
European 242.70 258.18 +1.18
Fixed Interest 110.85 117.92 -0.07
Index Linked Gilt 98.74 105.04 -0.11
Deposit 96.18 102.32 -0.01
Broker Unit Trusts
BWH Intl 192.20 202.32 -0.44 0.42

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990
Intl Gwth Inc ‡ 965.96 +1.20
-do- Accum ‡ 1096.46 -1.36
European Gth Inc ‡ 258.26 +0.62 0.23
Amalgam Inc 213.85 225.55
N Amer Gwth Inc ‡ 640.27 +4.32
Far East Gth Inc ‡ 242.61 +1.86 0.52
-do- Accum ‡ 253.39 +1.94 0.52
UK Dvdd Inc ‡ 293.77 -0.47 0.98

GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD
0171 825 5806
European 925.60 988.80 +3.20
Gilt & Fixed 145.40 154.20 -0.20 4.94
Growth Equity 588.10 626.30 -1.30 0.74
Income Trust 215.40 230.10 -0.30 3.03
International 262.40 280.30 +1.50
Japan Trust 87.68 93.67 +0.95
Nth American 517.30 552.10† +8.10
Pacific 330.10 352.60† +2.60 0.61
Guardhill 842.40 900.00 -1.30 0.85

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
0171 522 2128
European Bond 102.35 106.22 +1.09 4.26
Global High Inc 95.49 99.10† +1.08 5.04
Stlg Bond Ptfo 116.88 121.31 -0.12 5.55
Cash Mgd Ptfo 151.17 160.73† -0.42 4.08
European Ptfo 209.88 223.00 +0.52
World Mkts Ptfo 99.88 106.20 +0.29
UK Eq Inc Ptfo 208.19 221.36† -0.58 2.39
-do- Accum 323.52 343.98 -0.89 2.39
UK Opps 622.00 661.30† -1.00 1.56
-do- Accum 767.70 816.30 -1.40 1.56
Gl Vtec High Inc 173.49 178.09 -0.05 4.51
UK Emerg Cos 333.40 354.50† -3.70 2.89
Inst UK Sm Co 425.30 432.80 -3.80 3.64
Gbth Ptf Tst 172.02 182.90 -0.21 0.94
Global Eqty 179.93 191.31 +0.85 0.94
Inv Share Tst 134.36 142.86 +0.51 6.37
HK & China Tst 68.34 72.66 +1.19 1.25
Blue Chip Ptfo 352.60 374.90 -0.45 1.11

HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD
Dealing: 01904 611110
Balanced Inc 75.93 80.52 -0.19 2.31
Balanced Acc 83.86 88.93 -0.21 2.31
Growth 47.90 50.80† -0.14 1.19
Growth Acc 50.63 53.69 -0.15 1.19
Income 44.44 47.12† -0.17 3.03
Income Acc 49.83 52.84 -0.19 3.03
Accumulation Tst 40.75 43.60 -0.15 2.25

HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412
UK Perf Acc 65.42 69.41† +0.56 2.19

HENDERSON INVESTORS
Enquiries: 0645 464949 Dealing: 0645 464646
UK Funds
UK Enterprise 516.43 552.57 +4.04
Best of British 102.22 108.65† -0.13 1.27
UK Smaller Cos 216.68 232.92 +1.95
High Income Funds
Income & Growth # 437.89 466.34 -0.51 2.00
-do- Accum # 1289.73 1373.24 -1.57 2.00
High Income 477.32 510.24† -1.56 3.06
Extra Income # 391.23 419.25 -0.63 4.47
Prel & Bond 55.71 62.50† +0.03 6.66
International
Ethical 175.30 187.48 +1.69 1.47
International 403.75 428.13† +3.18 0.43
Global Bond 54.30 57.11 -0.42 5.20
Intl Port Tst 129.92 138.91 -0.02
Global Tech 351.77 373.85† +7.70
Overseas Funds
Asian Enterprise 139.84 149.21 +0.78 1.04
European 1043.20 1104.92† +3.82
European Income # 150.05 159.00 +0.56 2.33
Euro Smlr Cos 308.16 327.05† +6.73
European Value 147.68 157.05† +1.23
-do- Accum 159.58 169.71 +1.34
Japan Trust 122.81 130.19 +1.65
Japan Smlr Cos 106.93 113.50† +1.42
Pacific Smlr Cos 165.00 175.78† +2.58
North American 491.21 520.32 +6.68
American Smaller 258.27 275.46† +2.40

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
0800 520053
British 182.39 190.98† -0.63 1.36
Capital 273.42 288.31 +0.36 0.86
Dollar 755.62 791.23 +8.51
Enterprise Gth 593.91 621.90 +0.31 0.67
European 451.16 472.42 +3.63
Far East 184.45 193.14 +1.62 0.48
Financial 1655.70 1733.72† -5.08 1.14
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 29.17 30.34† -0.01 5.53
High Yield 169.90 168.48 -0.52 3.56
Income & Growth 235.68 246.79† -0.80 3.24
International 390.58 408.99 +1.36 0.29
Japanese General 142.70 149.43 +1.35
Japan Tech 66.20 69.32 +0.83
Natl Resources 62.65 65.60† +0.10 0.84
Portfolio 111.11 116.35† +0.02 2.18
Special Sits 307.92 322.43 +1.27 1.45
UK Emerging Cos 161.09 168.69 +0.61 0.81
US Smaller Cos 208.96 218.81 +2.04

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505
Active Funds-UK
Income # 921.00 982.90 -4.00 3.74
UK Growth 994.70 1059.1 -2.00 1.23
High Income # 163.10 174.10† -0.40 5.03
Active Funds-International
American Gwth 821.50 873.60† +12.10
European Gwth 267.20 284.40 +2.50
Japan Gwth 210.80 224.00 +3.10
Japan Smllr Cos 17.97 19.16 +0.22
Asian 33.24 35.47 +0.48 0.57
Sing & Malay Gwth 35.38 37.76† +0.48
Hong Kong Gwth 133.00 141.80 +2.90 1.50
Global Bond 21.46 22.61 +0.20 4.33
Index Funds-Uk
UK Index 245.20 246.40 -0.40 2.17
Irish Index 163.80 166.10 +0.40 2.01
THE FOOTSIE FUND 98.86 99.16 -0.26 1.68
Index Funds-International
American Index 458.40 460.70 +5.00 0.38
Eurotrack 100 323.30 324.90 +1.30 0.37
Japan Index 48.19 49.44 +0.52 0.30
Tiger Index 83.64 85.73 +0.15 2.86

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733
UK Specialist Trusts
UK Smaller Cos 60.48 63.16 -0.12 1.26
General Funds
Managed Dist 116.20 121.30† +0.20 0.85
Managed 121.40 126.80† +0.20 0.85
Repco Child Fnd 157.40 164.10† -0.50 0.88
UK Growth 98.92 103.38† -0.20 0.94
High Income Funds
UK Extra Inc # 124.00 129.50 -0.40 4.23
Gilt & Fixed Int # 29.45 30.43† -0.04 7.20
UK Inc & Gwth 69.54 72.63† -0.26 2.07
UK Income # 547.20 571.50† -2.10 3.12
Overseas Growth Funds
American Growth 87.97 91.84 +0.81
Amer Smllr Cos 215.70 224.50 +1.90
-do- Accum 218.00 226.90 +1.90
Europa Gth 438.70 454.70 +0.20
-do- Accum 452.40 471.00 +0.20
Euro Smaller Cos 79.09 82.34 +0.40
French Growth 153.70 159.50 +0.90 0.39
-do- Accum 166.40 172.70 +1.00 0.39
H Kong & China 88.11 92.85 +2.26 1.22
Intl Growth 88.83 92.37 +0.26 0.47
-do- Accum 90.64 94.24 +0.36 0.47
Japan Gth 19.52 20.34 +0.34
-do- Accum 19.52 20.34 +0.34
Japan Smaller Cos 20.33 21.22 +0.29
Glob Emg Mkts 90.93 94.97 +0.44 0.04
-do- Accum 91.58 95.84 +0.44 0.04
SE Asia 181.50 189.60 +3.40 1.06
Overseas Income Funds
Intl Bond # 51.36 52.95 +0.42 5.51

JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Enq 0870 606 6457 Dealing 0870 606 6407
UK Income # 159.10 168.40† -0.20 2.42
UK Growth 166.90 176.60† -0.20 1.19
European Gwth 154.30 163.80 +0.90 0.06
Slater Growth 278.70 294.90 +1.70 0.68
New Japan 59.53 63.19 +1.20
Global Growth 121.30 128.40 +1.00
Monthly Inc # 98.68 104.44† +0.04 7.30

JUPITER UT MGRS LTD
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World Health 177.80 188.00 +2.30
Income # 313.25 333.23 +0.06 3.60
UK Growth 122.25 130.04 -0.10 1.64
Intl Growth 111.98 119.12 +0.33
Ecology 145.40 154.67† +0.87 0.48
European 329.21 349.26 -0.74 0.38
Far Eastern 241.40 256.70 +7.10
UK Special Sits 83.55 89.11† +0.22 0.29
Fd of Inv Tsts 69.62 74.25 +0.21 0.36
High Income # 70.19 74.88† -0.21 4.41
Financial Opps 74.45 79.41 -0.20 0.10
Growth & Income # 58.07 61.94 -0.03 2.42

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
0171 556 8800
Bridge Income 420.26 447.09† -0.08 3.98
Esk Growth 147.71 157.14† .. 0.43
Inc & Growth 102.36 108.89 -0.58 2.86
Smaller Cos 136.18 144.87† +0.81 1.17
Ever Spec Sit Inc 76.10 80.56† +0.68 1.59
Ever Spec Sit Acc 81.05 86.22† +0.72 1.59
Pension Growth 61.72 65.66† +0.17 1.97

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
01277 690 432
UK Cap 647.20 686.70 -1.60 1.23
UK Inc/Gth # 673.70 714.80 -1.90 3.02
UK Income # 475.00 504.00† -1.40 3.91
UK Income Acc # 491.60 521.60† -1.40 3.91
UK Sm Cos 398.50 426.20 +0.20 1.53
Euro Gwth 260.70 275.60 +1.50 0.20
N Amer Gwth 175.30 185.40 +1.70
Pacific Growth 6.24 8.62 +0.03 0.21
Emg Mkts Gwth 70.86 75.20 -1.90
Japan Growth 43.44 46.09 +0.75
Dealing: 01277 842626
Gwth Port Inc 93.41 98.78† -0.09 0.53
Gwth Port Acc 95.42 100.90† -0.09 0.53
Inc Port Inc 86.00 90.95† -0.03 3.00
Inc Port Acc 99.65 105.38† -0.04 2.88
Wwide Port 71.47 75.58 -0.13

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 682512
Equity Dist @ 855.00 855.00 -1.90 1.67
-do- Accum @ 1817.00 1817.00 -4.00 1.67
Equity Income # 139.70 139.70 -0.20 3.90
UK Tactical Allocn @ 94.91 94.91 -0.46 5.54
European @ 236.70 236.70 +1.00 0.04
Far Eastern @ 153.80 153.80 +1.50
Fixed Interest @ 60.68 60.68 -0.02 6.94
Gilt @ 99.94 99.94† -0.06 5.79
Global Growth @ 97.78 97.78 +0.61 0.06
Intl Bond @ 49.76 49.76 -0.46 4.72
Japanese @ 50.87 50.87 +0.49
North American @ 335.70 335.70 -3.70 0.07
Pacific Growth @ 74.08 74.08† +0.76 1.00
Pacific Index @ 29.09 29.09 +0.36 3.37
UK Index @ 111.90 111.90† -0.10 2.16
UK Recovery @ 162.90 162.90† -0.30 1.01
UK Smaller Cos @ 222.30 222.30 +0.70 0.90
US Index @ 133.60 133.60 +1.60 0.56
European Index @ 151.40 151.40 +0.70 0.57
Japan Index @ 25.18 25.18 +0.39 0.04
Worldwide @ 130.00 130.00† +0.30 0.97

LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 523
Growth 81.70 87.37 1.95
Income 93.47 99.96 +0.25 3.42
Far East 28.57 30.55† +0.35 0.75
North American 187.90 199.90 +1.50
Global 110.40 117.90 +0.60 0.93
European 178.60 190.60 +1.60 0.25
Japan 62.14 66.23 +0.74
Intl Currency Bd 56.77 60.16† -0.49 4.59
SE Asia 54.27 58.04† +0.83 1.27
UK Cap Growth 149.20 159.50† -0.10 1.24
Recovery Trust 118.30 126.50† +0.30 2.02
Managed 87.54 93.62 +0.28 1.26
Cash 50.87 50.87 6.65

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313
Balanced 589.60 627.50† -1.30 1.57
-do- Accum 1444.00 1537.00 -3.00 1.57
Cons Euro Gth 128.90 135.70 +2.00 0.03
-do- Accum 139.60 147.00 +2.20 0.03
Extra Inc 413.80 440.30 -4.10 3.42
Extra Inc Acc # 1192.00 1269.00 -11.00 3.42
FTSE 100 Inc 186.30 197.20 1.58
FTSE 100 Acc 197.40 210.10 1.58
German Gth 239.60 252.30 +3.90 0.08
-do- Accum 251.30 264.60 +4.10 0.08
Growth Port 900.70 958.20 -8.80 0.34
-do- Accum 948.70 1010.00 -8.00 0.34
High Interest Inc 113.00 117.20 -0.10 6.44
High Interest Acc 130.60 135.40 -0.10 6.44
Hi Reserve Inc # 137.00 145.60 -0.30 4.64
Hi Reserve Acc # 160.00 170.30 -0.30 4.64
Income Inc # 800.80 852.00† -9.50 2.99
Income Acc # 2383.00 2536.00 -28.00 2.99
Income Port 753.50 801.60† +2.70 3.48
-do- Accum 896.30 953.60 +3.20 3.48
Japan Growth 73.51 78.21 +0.59
-do- Accum 73.78 78.47 -0.57
Mexico Trust 89.03 94.72 +0.08 1.14
-do- Accum 104.30 111.20 +0.10 1.14
Millennium Acc 137.60 146.40 1.59
N American Gen 375.80 399.80 +4.00 0.50
-do- Accum 435.00 462.80 +4.70 0.50
Nthn Sm Co Rec 253.40 269.60 +2.30
-do- Accum 258.80 275.20 -2.50
Pacific Basin 153.60 163.30 +1.50 0.67
-do- Accum 165.40 176.00 +1.70 0.67
Safety First Acc 126.10 132.80 -0.10 1.05
Ds until 21/09/98 ‡ 119.15
Small Cos Rec 645.30 679.30† -16.00 1.70
-do- Accum 912.48 960.50 -22.80 1.70
UK Eq Gth 239.60 255.38 -0.50 1.86
UK Eq Inc # 188.90 201.09 -0.40 2.97
UK Growth 152.40 162.20 -1.50 1.27
-do- Accum 195.40 207.90 -2.40 1.27
Worldwide Gth 474.50 504.80 +1.30 0.26
-do- Accum 702.40 747.30 +2.10 0.26

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01392 282 673
General 156.70 168.13† -0.11 2.00
Income 106.41 114.17 -0.07 3.40
International 93.14 99.93 +0.57 0.30
Tst of Inv Trusts 100.96 108.32† +0.36 0.80

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Cust Sevs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390
American 720.10 759.90 +7.10 0.56
-do- Accum 904.60 954.70 +9.00 0.56
Amer Recovery 871.60 921.50† +3.60 0.18
-do- Accum 1009.10 1066.80† +4.20 0.18
Amer Smlr Cos 204.90 216.60 +1.88 ...
-do- Accum 209.40 221.30 +1.90
Australasian 195.00 208.20 +1.10 2.07
-do- Accum 251.80 266.20 +1.50 2.07
Blue Chip # 100.89 101.19 -0.36 3.11
-do- Accum # 311.10 312.76 -1.11 3.11
British Opps 79.70 84.30† -0.10 2.25
-do- Accum 289.70 306.60† -0.30 2.25
Capital 1280.40 1354.00 -5.30 2.25
-do- Accum 1579.40 1670.20 -6.50 2.25
Charifund # 1097.50 1108.58† -4.30 4.40
-do- Accum # 6175.90 6237.70† -24.10 4.40
Commodity 353.00 373.30 +1.90 1.39
-do- Accum 524.00 554.10 +2.80 1.39
Corporate Bond 29.60 29.86 -0.02 6.00
Dividend 61.10 64.60† -0.40 3.75
-do- Accum 291.70 308.70† -1.70 3.75
Equity Income # 444.70 470.30 -0.98 4.28
-do- Accum # 658.90 696.80 -1.31 4.28
European 1049.70 1100.50 +7.20 0.35
-do- Accum 1343.20 1420.50 +9.80 0.35
Euro Dividend # 125.40 132.80 +0.80 2.72
-do- Accum # 165.80 175.30 +0.80 2.72
Euro Smlr Cos 84.20 89.00 +0.90 0.50
-do- Accum 84.50 89.30 +0.90 0.50
Extra Income # 655.10 692.80 -3.70 4.26
-do- Accum # 2339.30 2473.90 -13.30 4.26
Fund of Inv Tsts 923.90 977.00 +12.30 0.98
-do- Accum 1811.90 1916.10 +24.20 0.99
Gilt Income 69.88 69.99† +0.06 5.40
-do- Accum 232.23 232.61† +0.21 5.40
Gold 41.90 44.30 +0.10 0.52
-do- Accum 50.70 53.60 +0.10 0.52
High Interest 25.40 25.40 7.23
Income # 47.20 49.90 -0.30 3.67
-do- Accum # 213.20 225.80 -0.90 3.67
Intl Growth 105.10 111.10 +0.60 0.68
-do- Accum 187.20 197.90 +1.10 0.68
International Inc # 144.50 152.80† +0.50 3.64
-do- Accum # 242.60 256.60† +0.90 3.64
Japan 23.30 24.50† +0.10 0.02
-do- Accum 25.00 26.30† +0.20 0.02
Japan Smlr Cos 84.50 89.20† +0.30 0.09
-do- Accum 85.10 89.90† +0.40 0.09
Managed Gwth @ 33.80 34.05 +0.10 1.20
Managed Income # 39.40 39.77† -0.05 3.84
Pension Ex 1525.30 1563.50† -7.60 2.74
Recovery 66.20 70.60 -0.40 2.31
-do- Accum 117.76 124.40 -0.80 2.31
Smaller Cos 84.30 89.10 1.69
-do- Accum 181.30 191.70 -0.10 1.69
Sth East Asia 232.90 246.30 +3.00 2.48
-do- Accum 316.30 334.50 +4.10 2.48
Trustee # 58.80 62.20† -0.20 4.11
-do- Accum # 271.00 286.60† -1.00 4.11
UK Equity # 94.00 99.40 -0.30 3.32
-do- Accum # 268.60 284.30 -0.90 3.32
UK Growth 1585.10 1676.20† -5.50 1.39
-do- Accum 1807.30 1911.20† -6.30 1.39

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Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631
European Growth 174.56 185.70† +0.80 0.31
Intl Bond 62.78 65.94† +0.59 3.46
Intl Equity Growth 110.30 117.06† +0.65 0.48
N Amer Growth 204.90 217.23 +2.24 0.44
Special Sit Growth 41.06 43.69 +0.02 1.58
UK Growth 668.75 711.43† +0.03 1.90
-do- Accum 950.30 1010.95 +0.04 1.90

MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD
01520 825867
Balanced Fd # 1628.80 1651.10† 2.50
Income # 1353.80 1372.80 3.70

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 222 4242
Maldon General 217.90 223.00†

MANEK INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
0171 615 7870
Growth Fd Acc 118.80 126.70 +0.90

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
0800 363432
High Income # 107.80 111.10† -0.30 6.04
Investment Plfo 234.30 241.50 -0.10 1.77
-do- Accum 288.00 294.80 -0.10 1.77
UK Select Plfo 226.80 233.80 -0.70 1.48
-do- Accum 281.20 289.90 -0.90 1.48
UK 100 Cos 176.30 176.30 -0.90 1.52
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Income # 115.50 122.60† -0.20 3.27
Nth American 128.50 136.40 +0.50 0.17
Far East 129.60 137.60 +1.50
Japan 50.30 53.40 +0.43
Emging Mkts 82.93 88.70 +0.77 0.65
Intl Growth 157.50 167.20† +0.90 0.69
UK Growth 168.40 178.80 -0.20 1.52
UK Smlr Co 76.39 81.09† +0.51 1.49
Asia Pacific 26.17 27.98 +0.40 0.11
Glob Gwth PEP 84.20 89.38 +0.37 0.54

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0161 831 7433
Select Portfolio 125.10 133.10†

MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD
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Income 680.39 723.82 -2.55 2.58
Global Inc 106.02 112.79 -0.27 2.16
Brit Leaders Inc 523.30 556.70 -1.10 1.66
Intl Leaders 328.95 349.95 +1.68 0.30

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
Dealing: 0800 445522
American 428.30 451.30 +5.000
-do- Accum 458.00 482.60 +5.400
American Opps 163.80 173.40 +1.100
-do- Accum 165.80 175.60 +1.200
Bd Port 123.40 130.30† +0.300 2.27
-do- Accum 157.50 166.90† +0.200 2.27
British Blue Chip 141.80 150.20† -0.20 2.20
-do- Accum 188.60 200.00† -0.30 2.20
Cash 100.40 100.40† 7.01
-do- Accum 160.40 160.40† 7.01
Emerging Mkts 128.80 138.50 +0.800 0.22
-do- Accum 130.60 140.40 +0.700 0.22
European Growth 545.60 577.30 +3.100 0.09
-do- Accum 595.60 630.20 +3.500 0.09
General 807.70 857.10 -0.70 1.88
-do- Accum 1703.00 1807.00 -1.00 1.88
Global Bond 131.00 137.60† +1.300 3.95
-do- Accum 186.20 195.70† +1.800 3.95
Gold & General 140.70 151.10 +1.100 0.43
-do- Accum 145.60 156.40 +1.200 0.43
Govt Securities 104.80 108.00 -0.10 4.81
-do- Accum 236.20 243.50 -0.10 4.81
High Yield Bd 112.70 115.50 -0.10 5.48
-do- Accum 129.60 132.70 -0.20 5.48
Income 369.10 385.90† +0.100 3.32
-do- Accum 473.40 503.00† +0.100 3.32
Inc Portfolio # 143.50 151.80† 4.84
-do- Accum # 167.50 177.30† +0.100 4.64
Intl Opps 743.40 792.40 +4.900 0.64
-do- Accum 1014.00 1080.00 +6.000 0.64
Japan 130.40 138.30 +2.000
-do- Accum 133.80 142.00 +2.000
New Europe 358.50 382.40 -0.30 0.49
-do- Accum 378.20 403.40 -0.30 0.49
Pacific 63.40 67.63 +0.930 0.32
-do- Accum 68.39 72.95 +1.000 0.32
Recovery 623.00 664.50† -5.40 1.40
-do- Accum 844.70 901.00† -7.20 1.40
UK Smaller Cos 79.13 84.41 +0.520 1.39
-do- Accum 92.86 99.05 +0.600 1.39
Managed Gth 158.40 166.50 +0.400 1.53
Managed Inc 152.60 158.30 +0.200 3.49

MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126
Balanced 88.71 92.89† +0.01 1.99
-do- Accum 101.20 106.00† 1.99
British Tst 152.60 159.60 +0.30 1.13
-do- Accum 189.50 198.40 +0.40 1.13
Corp Bond Inc 107.70 111.60† -0.10 5.96
-do- Accum 120.70 125.10† -0.10 5.96
Extra High Inc # 94.38 98.63† -0.24 5.07
-do- Accum # 219.90 230.30† -0.60 5.07
FTSE 100 Acc 107.70 112.80 -0.40 1.65
FTSE 100 Dist 98.27 102.90 -0.30 1.65
Gilt & Fxd Int 61.11 63.59 -0.05 5.63
-do- Accum 210.20 218.70 -0.20 5.63
High Yield # 327.40 342.80† -0.70 4.85
-do- Accum # 982.80 1029† -2.00 4.85
Household Names 141.00 141.70 -0.30 1.12
Income # 462.40 484.20 -2.00 3.22
-do- Accum # 1141 1195 -5.00 3.22
Money Market UT 49.32 49.32† -0.01 6.65
-do- Accum 89.80 89.80† +0.02 6.65
Monthly Income 131.90 138.10† -0.40 3.53
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust
British 197.40 210.00 -0.40 1.57
European Growth 238.30 252.60 +0.70
Gilt & Fixed 119.40 126.60 -0.10 5.52
Income 156.40 166.40 -0.70 3.01
Japan Growth 32.26 34.19 +0.18
Managed 110.40 117.40 2.04
Money Market 104.60 110.90 +0.10 4.92
North American 162.10 171.80 +3.90
Midland PEP/AVCS Unit Trust
British 179.00 190.40 -0.30 1.57
European Growth 223.30 236.70 +0.60
Gilt & Fixed Int 110.80 117.50 -0.10 5.52
Income 153.10 162.90 -0.70 3.01
Japan Growth 32.32 34.26 +0.18
Managed 105.40 112.10 -0.70 2.04
Money Market 96.35 102.10 4.93
North American 144.90 153.60 +3.40
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust
British 176.50 187.80 -1.30 1.58
European Growth 217.90 231.00 -0.60
Gilt & Fixed Inc 98.71 104.70 5.66
Income 148.80 158.30 -0.70 3.11
Japan Growth 32.98 34.97 -0.18
Managed 109.30 116.30 -0.80 2.02
Money Market 86.45 91.64 -0.02 4.98
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European Gth Inc 844.10 895.20 +3.60
-do- Accum 853.40 905.00 +3.60
Intl Gwth 311.90 330.20† -1.80
UK Equity Inc 308.30 327.10† -0.70 2.28
Do Accum 441.50 468.30† -1.20 2.28
UK Growth Inc 188.10 201.50 -0.20 2.50
-do- Accum 196.80 210.90 -0.20 2.50
UK Ind Trckr Inc 281.80 300.10 -0.60 2.17
-do- Accum 360.40 383.80 -0.70 2.17
US Eq Ind Tkr Inc 441.30 465.50† +5.20 0.71
Japan Tracker 44.52 46.95 +0.49
Asian Tracker 122.60 132.60† +1.82 0.50
Mngd Ptflo Inc 247.80 263.60 -0.50 1.34
Mngd Ptflo Acc 276.80 294.30 -0.60 1.34
Deposit Inc 100.54 100.54† +0.01 6.88
Europa 329.00 350.60 -1.80
Genesis 272.20 295.40 +0.50 1.84
High Income 22.14 23.49† -0.04 10.00
Japan Growth 73.18 78.15 -0.90

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
0345 090 933
Americas Growth 86.90 89.05 +0.52
Equity Income # 148.00 151.70 -0.10 3.21
European 136.80 139.60 +1.10
Smaller Cos 113.80 119.40† +0.60 0.94
W'wide Eqty 99.21 101.30 +0.60
Global Bond 42.26 42.71† +0.45 4.23
UK Growth 153.50 157.80† -0.40 1.06
Pacific Growth 67.95 69.85 +0.38 2.37
Japan Growth 81.24 82.57 +0.87
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Portfolio Acc A ‡ 53.29 ‡ -0.05 3.30
Portfolio Inc A ‡ 53.03 ‡ -0.05 3.30
Gilt Acc A ‡ 51.11 ‡ -0.07 6.10
Gilt Inc A ‡ 50.57 ‡ -0.07 6.10

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010
Avon Equity 220.61 234.69 -0.66 1.57

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0171 623 4200
Americas Dist 178.00 187.40 +1.50 0.01
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Far East Dist 118.20 124.40 +1.20 0.05
Global Care Dist 122.40 128.80 +0.70 0.08
Oseas Dist 1279.90 1347.30 +7.50 0.18
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UK Dist 616.30 648.70† -1.80 1.10
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UK Extra Inc Dist 129.30 136.10 2.02
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Europa Inc 132.11 139.43 -0.64 0.17
Fund of Funds Inc 88.36 93.26 -0.20 0.88
North America Inc 95.15 100.42† -1.02
UK Equity Grth Inc 102.43 108.11† -0.13 1.05
-do- Accum 114.31 120.64 -0.14 1.05
UK General Inc 94.39 99.62† -0.25 1.09
-do- Accum 107.60 113.56 -0.29 1.09
UK Gilt/Fxd Int Inc 50.03 52.70† -0.05 5.37
Uk Income Inc 95.28 100.56† -0.25 1.82
UK Smll Cos Inc 166.70 175.94† -0.68 0.93

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000
American 79.61 84.69 -0.11
-do- Accum 80.23 85.35 -0.12
Intl Bond 140.39 149.01 +1.12 4.45
Cash Income 50.09 50.09† 6.78
-do- Accum 74.59 74.59† -0.01 6.78
Challenger 106.10 109.55 -0.23 1.36
Distributor 152.41 162.13 -0.40 1.78
European 105.21 111.92 +0.31
Exmt H-L Gilt 103.52 103.60 -0.10 2.25
Foundation 155.30 165.21 -0.09 0.76
Managed Inc 306.49 326.05 -0.84 0.86
Managed Acc 313.99 334.03 -0.86 0.84
Growth Inc 202.04 214.93† -0.01 0.74
Growth Acc 211.88 225.40† -0.01 0.74
Higher Income Inc 49.34 52.48 -0.25 3.80
-do- Accum 63.70 67.76 -0.32 3.80
High Yield Bond # 100.81 105.25† -0.12 7.06
Income 413.15 439.52 -0.66 1.79
Intrepid 194.64 202.74 0.90
Intl Gwth 51.15 54.41 -0.33
Japan 23.56 25.06 +0.26
Oriental Inc 106.06 112.82 -1.39 0.36
-do- Accum 109.96 116.97 -1.44 0.36

NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD
0191 285 2555
High Income # 63.00 66.67† -0.22 4.85
UK Growth 160.00 169.30 2.13

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01603 682 234
Master Trust 181.80 191.37 +0.38 1.09
UK Equity 245.16 258.06 -1.05 1.93
UK Equity Income # 218.41 229.91 -0.86 3.97
Uk Smaller Cos 199.41 209.91 -0.43 1.07
UK Equity Growth 219.25 230.79† -0.61 0.65
UK Index Trckg 246.00 259.63 -0.79 1.94
Intl Index Trckg 223.31 235.68 +2.16 0.60
International 356.57 375.34† +1.90 0.97
European 426.79 449.25 +1.89 0.04
Pan European 266.24 280.25 +0.82 0.71
Nth American 356.62 375.39† +4.70 0.05
N Amer Smllr Cos 401.87 423.02 +3.46
Japanese 65.98 69.45 +2.63 1.18
Pacific 153.86 161.96 +1.13 1.72
South East Asian 157.67 165.97† +1.65 2.20
Sterling Bond 111.64 116.68† -0.04 5.91
Intl Bond 125.52 132.13 -1.43 4.22
Gilt & Convertible 122.09 128.52 -0.03 5.52
Property 98.04 103.20 -0.06 4.60

OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD
01256 768 888
European Inc 582.70 621.80† -3.80 0.05
-do- Accum 620.90 662.50† -4.00 0.05
Japan Inc 71.52 75.74 +0.89
Nth American Inc 247.40 261.50 +2.80
Worldwide Inc 248.20 263.30 -7.20
Hk & China Inc 126.00 135.10 +1.60 1.43
Swiss Equities Inc 151.40 161.20† -1.90
Wwide Bond Inc 69.83 73.77 -0.67 4.86
Emging Asia Inc 102.90 110.90 -0.40 2.31
-do- Accum 103.70 111.70 -0.40 2.31
UK Money Mkt Inc 50.10 50.10† -0.01 6.69
Thailand Inc 39.96 43.49 -0.10 2.58
Intl Mngd PEP Inc 99.04 105.80 -0.20 0.27
Latin Am Emg Inc 77.85 83.31 -0.53 1.35
UK All Sh Mkt Inc 102.00 103.40 -0.20 1.92
Broker Unit Trusts
Way Global Blue 101.90 108.40 0.53
Global Portfolio 89.84 96.09 -0.04
Way Global Red 78.70 83.72† -0.07 0.20
Marsh Global Gth 73.37 77.80† +0.35
AMR Brit Gwth Inc 162.00 173.40† -0.30 0.54
Temple Equity Inc 59.56 63.97 -0.19 0.19
Hartley Growth 185.00 196.80 -0.20 0.44
IPS Portfolio Inc 125.30 132.60 -0.20
UFC Growth 81.95 87.66 -0.04 0.91
Chartfield Port of Fds 58.67 62.46 0.12
Pyg Intl Equity 95.00 101.60 -0.10 0.05

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470
Equity 407.60 433.60 -0.10 1.18
-do- Accum 919.00 977.60 -0.20 1.16
Growth 263.10 276.90† -0.20 1.49
Income 388.40 413.20† +4.00 2.82
Intl Equity 360.20 383.20 +1.80 0.33
-do- Accum 404.60 430.40 +2.00 0.33
Equity Income # 104.40 111.00 -0.20 4.05
Equity Growth 138.90 147.70 1.00
New Europe 170.70 181.50 +0.10 0.09

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
01491 417 000
Intl Growth Inc 899.08 959.64 -0.86 0.26
-do- Accum 908.38 969.56 -0.87 0.26
Income # 661.67 707.05† -5.05 3.02
Wwide Recovery 598.58 639.23 -0.28 0.22
Amer Growth Inc 419.84 446.31 -0.27 0.01
-do- Accum 419.84 446.31 -0.27 0.01
Intl Emerging Cos 355.76 380.50 +1.10 0.01
Far East Gth Inc 218.63 233.83 +3.56 1.43
-do- Accum 223.03 238.54 +3.64 1.43
Euro Gwth Inc 318.98 341.37 +1.04 0.01
-do- Accum 321.09 342.56 +1.05 0.01
UK Growth Inc 165.18 176.64 -1.56 1.82
-do- Accum 185.00 197.72 -1.76 1.82
High Income # 172.11 183.86 -1.42 3.40
Jap Gwth Inc 132.11 141.19 +1.19 0.11
-do- Accum 132.11 141.19 +1.19 0.11
PEP Bond 68.18 71.25 -0.29 6.84
PEP Growth 200.33 213.72 -0.21 0.35
Asian Str Mkts Inc 79.55 85.09 +0.74 0.03
-do- Accum 80.27 85.86 +0.75 0.03
Amer Smlr Co Inc 278.02 296.30 -0.36 0.01
-do- Accum 278.02 296.30 -0.36 0.01
Global Bond 55.16 58.46 -0.23 4.43
UK Smaller Cos Inc 142.72 152.65 +0.51 1.65
-do- Accum 154.59 165.34 +0.56 1.65
Lat Am Gwth Inc 39.14 41.85† +0.08 0.42
-do- Accum 39.77 42.52 +0.08 0.42
World Inc PEP # 54.44 57.61 -0.11 3.27

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0191 201 3927
American 187.45 199.41† -0.25
European 156.32 166.30 -0.63
Global 57.56 61.22 -1.13
Pacific 37.92 40.19† -0.95
Uk Inc & Gth 113.12 120.34 +0.03 1.04

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8890
Asia 38.76 41.12† -1.05
Emerg Mkts 43.35 45.99 +0.05 0.37
Euro Fund 67.17 71.27 -0.22
Fund of Funds 246.40 261.50 -0.50 0.02
High Income # 66.18 69.66† -0.03 4.89
Performance 61.58 65.34† -0.19

PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD
01483 456 832
Special Sits 269.50 287.20 .. 0.33
Dividend 148.90 159.20 -0.10 3.03
Intl Gth & Inc 328.00 348.50 -1.10
UK & Gen 69.83 74.68 -0.20 0.16
Fund of Funds 93.27 99.75† -0.18
Prem Bal Growth 85.41 88.82 -0.51 0.06
Enterprise 137.60 145.10 +1.00 1.62

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01732 740 700
Principal Tst 232.61 241.16 -0.24 2.03

For Prolific UT see Aberdeen Prolific UT

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835509
Managed Tst 55.44 57.45 +0.15 1.74
Cash Haven Inc 100.91 101.40† +0.01 6.26
Cash Haven Acc 127.68 128.31 +0.02 6.26
Dist Trust Inc 132.52 137.02† -0.10 4.23
Dist Trust Acc 159.88 165.68 -0.11 4.23
Global Growth 134.68 143.49 +0.92 1.33
Equity Inc 117.70 125.21† -0.19 3.54
Equity 1255.94 1336.11 -2.12 1.41
European 458.19 475.84 +3.76 0.19
High Income 117.50 125.00 -0.18 4.06
Intl Gth 269.74 286.96 +1.31 0.81
Intl Sm Co 112.55 119.73† +0.54 0.91
Japanese 116.78 123.09 +0.96
Mgd Income Tst # 51.79 53.54 -0.03 7.06
Nth Amer 354.23 376.90† +2.86 0.55
Pacific Mkts 78.12 78.68 +0.28 1.93
Premier Inc 51.06 53.14† -0.01 5.70
Sm Coc 141.41 150.44† +0.61 1.47
Spec Sits 174.03 185.14 -0.09 1.53
UK Growth 213.28 226.81 -0.35 1.42

QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
0171 556 8800
Hi Inc Inv Inc 119.85 127.47 +0.46 2.80
Investment Trust 158.04 167.95 +1.36 0.30
UK Smaller Cos 146.35 155.53 +0.67 1.64

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
01892 510 033
British Life 498.60 529.10† -0.80 2.00

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services 0800 124 314
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund
Asia Pacific 33.38 34.86 0.75
Cash 48.88 50.91 -0.01 5.38
Emerging Mkts 46.02 49.02 -0.90
Europe 101.60 106.10
Global Fixed Int # 50.43 52.66 -0.01 4.48
Japan 29.09 30.38 -0.11
North America 98.06 102.40 -0.80
UK 95.75 99.95 -0.02
UK Equity Inc # 85.25 89.03 -0.04 2.69
UK Fixed Int # 56.43 58.93 -0.04 6.16
Portfolio Service PEP
Pep Grth Port 69.96 72.48 -0.01
Pep Inc Port # 68.53 71.01 -0.03 2.55
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds
A Shares
Asian Opps ‡ 34.21 ‡ -0.39
Asia Pacific ‡ 32.83 ‡ +0.39 0.86
Europe ‡ 61.45 ‡ -0.19
Japan ‡ 39.21 ‡ +0.25
Latin America ‡ 39.69 ‡ -0.06
North America ‡ 57.37 ‡ +0.62
UK Eq Income # 58.51 ‡ -0.03 3.79
UK Major Cos ‡ 59.80 ‡ -0.25 0.51
UK Smaller Cos ‡ 65.51 ‡ +0.19 0.80

ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD
Enq: 0870 601 6183 Dealing: 0870 601 6083
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts
Equity 1627.00 1721.00 -5.00 1.12
Equity Income # 161.30 170.60 -0.50 3.51
European 288.60 305.30 -1.50
High Inc Bond 52.02 52.10† -0.04 5.45
Portfolio 154.30 162.30 -0.50 0.92
UK Index Trckg 288.30 305.00† -0.40 2.46
UK Leading Cos 121.40 128.40 -0.90 1.65
UK Smaller Cos 169.30 179.10 +0.30 0.98
Royal Life Trusts
High Inc Dist 236.30 251.20† -0.70 3.60
Intl Cautionary 73.72 78.37 -0.18 3.66
Intl Growth 104.60 110.60 -0.60
Managed 251.30 270.20 -0.70 0.41
Pacific Basin 58.88 62.76 -0.83 0.61
United States 204.40 216.20 +2.40 0.05
Sun Alliance Trusts
Far East 123.70 130.80 -1.60 1.25
North America 295.00 315.50 -3.30
Wwide Bond 56.86 59.53† +0.54 4.40

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
01206 764 400
American Growth 288.80 306.10 -1.20 0.88
European Growth 281.30 298.30 -0.30 0.74
Far East Growth 91.60 97.45 -1.95 2.87
Japan Growth 62.74 67.99† -0.02 0.64
Special Sits 296.10 315.00 -1.80 1.69
UK Growth 150.30 159.60 -0.20 2.10
Intl Growth 373.00 396.90† -0.90 1.56

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
0141 307 6500
Far East Inc 108.20 114.50 -1.00 0.99
Gt Euro Prog Inc 679.70 719.30 -1.30 0.54
-do- Accum 1075.00 1137.00 -2.00 0.54
Growth Inc 216.90 229.50 -0.10 0.22
-do- Accum 223.30 236.30 -0.20 0.22
International Inc 582.10 616.00 +0.50 0.37
-do- Accum 807.60 854.60 -0.70 0.37
Nth Am & Intl Inc 576.60 610.40† -4.90 0.22
UK Gen Prog Inc 382.10 404.50 -0.80 0.94
-do- Accum 449.60 475.80 -1.00 0.94
UK High Inc Inc 209.90 222.10† -0.20 3.41

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
0171 330 0572
European Gwth 157.25 167.29 -0.66 1.00
Global Bd 60.99 64.40 +0.27 5.00
UK Gwth 131.53 139.92 -0.56 1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770
Amer Smllr Cos 201.40 214.30 -1.10
Cash 147.00 147.00 -0.10 6.81
China Dragon 52.70 56.06† -0.89 0.45
Commodity 118.20 125.70 -0.40
Emerging Mkts 39.34 41.85 -0.03 0.40
European Gwth 396.70 422.00 -0.30
Euro Smllr Cos 108.60 115.50 -1.00
Extra Income # 73.35 78.01† -0.05 4.74
Far Eastern 68.54 72.91 -0.01
FE Sm Cos 35.80 38.09 -0.18 0.29
Financial Secs 503.70 535.90 -1.00 0.71
Gold & Exploration 40.09 42.65 -0.16
Growth 642.60 645.80 -0.40 0.40
High Income 53.89 53.89† -0.08 7.10
Intl Bond 160.20 169.20 -0.50 4.98
ITU 304.20 323.60† -0.40 0.48
Japan Growth 115.70 122.90 -0.30
Japan Smaller 96.86 103.00† -0.20
Korea 17.19 18.29 -0.49
Latin America 48.29 51.37 -0.40 0.39
Mexcentrust 84.98 85.41 -0.19 0.73
Premier Growth 258.60 273.00 +0.50 0.78
Premier Eq Inc # 531.90 565.90 +0.30 3.32
SE Asia 37.54 39.30† -0.02 0.79
Southern Africa 54.83 58.33 +0.73 0.73
Uk & O'seas 265.70 282.70 +0.30 0.60
UK Eqty Gth 126.00 134.00† +0.20 0.82
UK Eqty Inc # 376.50 400.50 -0.50 3.24
UK Gth & Inc # 451.30 480.10 -0.20 2.14
UK Sml Cos 81.99 87.22 +0.07 0.17
US Growth 331.10 352.10 +1.80
New Europe ‡ 55.22 -1.07

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540
Retail Funds
American 511.14 539.77† +3.25 0.46
-do- Accum 569.74 601.65† +3.62 0.46
European Gwth 146.12 154.76 -0.08 0.24
Euro Smlr Cos 164.90 175.30 +0.99 0.02
-do- Accum 167.29 177.82 +0.99 0.02
Far Eastern Gth 81.28 86.69 +0.91 0.06
-do- Accum 82.92 88.44 +0.92 0.05
Gilt & Fixed Int # 57.93 61.02 -0.11 6.90
Global Bond # 45.75 47.27 +0.37 5.65
-do- Accum # 58.88 60.84 -0.47 5.65
Global Emer Mkts 48.30 51.34† +0.39 0.01
-do- Accum 48.30 51.52† +0.34 0.01
Income # 586.50 625.60 -1.38 3.73
-do- Accum # 2096.99 2236.81 -4.94 3.73
Japan Smlr Cos 202.36 215.86 +1.85
-do- Accum 202.77 216.29 +1.87
Japan Enterprise 46.50 49.59† +0.87
Pacific Gwth 91.50 97.60 +1.05 0.82
-do- Accum 96.02 102.43 +1.11 0.82
Portfolio 120.55 128.08 -0.35 1.64
-do- Accum 137.02 145.58 -0.39 1.64
Seoul 13.96 14.89 +0.58 0.72
-do- Accum 13.96 14.88 +0.58 0.72
Strategic Inc 128.03 136.25 +0.01 1.75
Strategic Acc 132.11 140.60 +0.02 1.75
Tokyo 100.01 106.67 +0.93
-do- Accum 101.02 107.75 +0.94
UK Enterprise 470.87 502.26 -1.72 1.48
-do- Accum 600.59 640.63 -2.20 1.48
Uk Equity 432.75 461.60 -0.86 1.59
-do- Accum 900.64 960.68 -1.79 1.59
UK Smaller Cos 478.03 509.89 +3.83 0.74
-do- Accum 574.23 612.50 +4.59 0.74
US Smlr Cos 382.24 407.19† +0.55
-do- Accum 382.24 407.19† +0.55
Institutional Funds
European 475.95 493.21 +2.00 0.72
-do- Accum 544.83 564.59 +2.30 0.72
Euro Smllr Cos 52.26 54.41 +0.67 0.86
-do- Accum 57.13 59.47 +0.73 0.86
Global Equity Inc 120.84 125.08† +0.98 0.74
Japan Smllr Cos 20.32 21.16 +0.20 0.25
-do- Accum 20.55 21.40 +0.20 0.25
Mngd Balanced 281.26 292.83 +0.14 2.63
-do- Accum 343.44 357.56 +0.16 2.63
Overseas Equity 254.38 264.23 +1.26 0.81
-do- Accum 270.29 280.75 +1.33 0.81
Oseas Smllr Cos 147.26 153.38 +1.61 0.70
-do- Accum 157.61 164.17 +1.73 0.70
Pacific 156.65 165.26† +1.38 2.61
-do- Accum 180.81 188.34† +1.53 2.61
Recovery 3270.29 3406.55 -0.80 2.47
-do- Accum 3735.57 3891.22 -0.91 2.47
Uk Index 269.61 280.84 -1.13 2.36
-do- Accum 360.60 375.61 -1.52 2.36
Uk Small Cos 190.50 198.43 +0.85 2.11
-do- Accum 217.90 226.98 +1.08 2.11
US Smllr Cos 88.55 92.08† -0.17 0.51
-do- Accum 91.69 95.35† -0.18 0.51

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
0141 204 2200
Equity Income 87.26 92.28 +0.22 1.50
Equity Trust 115.35 121.98 1.88
Equity Strategy 118.60 125.42 +0.21 1.01
European Opps 173.28 183.24 +0.84 0.32
UK Smaller Cos 100.43 106.20 +0.21 0.85
Maximum Inc 99.58 102.17 +0.02 5.98
Japanese 45.62 48.24 +0.54
Asia Pacific 75.69 80.04 +0.61 1.42
American 204.80 216.29 +1.58 0.49

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
0800 454 422
Cash 36.00 36.00 +0.01 6.91
UK Eq Gwth Inc 86.86 92.42 -0.14 2.01
-do- Accum 120.79 128.52 -0.20 2.01
Intl Income 391.95 416.77† +1.63 1.17
-do- Accum 704.09 748.69† +2.93 1.17
European 172.74 183.61† +1.11 0.79
Japan 47.20 50.00 +0.65
American 158.32 167.33 +1.90 0.64
Far East Tact 56.64 60.42 -0.51 2.07
Ethical Inc 53.66 57.38 -0.15 1.38
-do- Accum 63.18 67.57 +0.17 1.38
Uk Blue Chip Inc 58.01 61.80 -0.07 1.98
-do- Accum 72.38 77.09 +0.09 1.98
UK Equity Inc 60.60 64.64† -0.24 3.06
-do- Accum 93.18 99.39† -0.37 3.06
Uk Global Inc 68.35 72.66 -0.10 1.23
-do- Accum 76.22 81.03 -0.11 1.23
Wwide Tact 114.80 122.07† -0.49 0.92
Europe Tactical 128.04 136.94 -1.08 0.47
Technology 224.55 238.46 +2.11 0.31
Dist Inc 31.91 33.86 -0.03 4.92
-do- Accum 34.36 36.46 -0.04 4.92
UK Ext Inc Inc 26.70 28.21 -0.02 6.80
-do- Accum 29.67 31.35 -0.02 6.80

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
0131 225 2211
UK Equity 732.10 778.10 -2.50 1.55
American 516.70 548.90 +7.00 0.12
Pacific 290.20 309.60 +3.80 0.36
European 1013.20 1076.10 +4.60 0.55
Worldwide 110.70 117.60 +0.60 0.27

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
0141 248 6100
Uk Equity Inc 477.70 508.10 -1.10 1.51
-do- Accum 846.90 889.10 -1.60 1.51
UK Sm Co Eq Inc 329.60 350.60 -2.10 1.55
-do- Accum 412.60 438.90 -2.70 1.55
Select Opptny Inc 116.80 124.98† 1.31
Income Plus Inc 124.00 131.90† -0.70 3.05
European Inc 702.70 746.10† -3.70 0.58
-do- Accum 815.20 865.50 +4.30 0.58
Far Eastern Inc 110.00 117.00† +1.30 1.42
-do- Accum 129.30 137.50 +1.50 1.42
Japanese Inc 42.84 45.57† -0.51
Nth American Inc 520.40 552.30 +4.80
-do- Accum 576.50 617.80 +5.40
Intl Growth Inc 277.80 295.10 -1.70 0.34
Wwide Venture Inc 123.80 131.50† +0.70 0.39

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
0131 668 3724
Equity Inc 627.00 662.40 -1.20 1.61
-do- Accum 988.90 1045.00 -2.00 1.61
UK High Inc # 298.10 314.90 2.92
-do- Accum # 482.30 509.50 0.10 2.92
Europe Inc 794.70 839.60 -0.90 0.25
-do- Accum 846.80 894.70 -0.90 0.25
Nth Amer Inc 453.20 478.80 +2.30
Global Inc 334.20 353.00 -0.40 0.15
Global Acc 362.80 383.30 -0.40 0.15
UK Spec Sits Inc 177.10 187.10 -0.10 1.36
South East Asia 116.90 123.50 -2.80 1.14
Cash Trust Inc 102.40 102.40 6.68
UK Smlr Cos Inc 153.80 162.50 +0.70 1.58
-do- Accum 165.60 174.90 +0.80 1.58
Intl Bond Inc 90.61 95.18 +0.30 3.58
International Steal 103.50 109.60 -0.10

SHARP (ALBERT E)
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010
European 260.70 274.40 +1.50 0.13
Nth American 200.70 211.30 +1.50
Intl Bond & Conv 137.80 145.00† -0.10 5.51
Pooled Pension 328.00 352.70 -0.30 1.80
Smaller Cos 162.90 171.50† -0.60 0.80
UK General # 236.90 249.40 -0.10 1.72
Far Eastern 59.08 62.19 -0.38 0.95

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
0171 626 6226
Continental 150.30 158.40 +1.10 0.60
Global Gwth 107.30 113.70 +0.80 0.50
Inv Tst Port 76.39 81.26 +0.22 1.80
Managed 1762.62 1840.99 -2.23 2.18
Pref Inc # 117.90 125.60† +0.39 6.08
Smaller Cos 349.70 372.00 -2.90 0.80
Ireland SIB Recognised
UK Equity Inc ‡ 125.50 +0.22 3.85
Sterling Reserve ‡ 100.88 -0.02 7.00
Corporate Inc ‡ 108.78 -0.06 6.09
Tai Pan ‡ 73.84 +1.27
Aztec ‡ 79.12 -0.25
Amer Gth Fund ‡ 197.93 +2.17
European ‡ 263.89 +1.08
Global Bond ‡ 90.78 +0.60 6.25
Samurai ‡ 40.09 +0.61
UK Growth ‡ 145.38 -0.15 2.85
UK Emerg Leaders ‡ 113.89 +0.60 2.55
Investment Trust ‡ 144.44 +0.40 2.59
The Football Fd ‡ 83.45 +0.12
Reserve Roll Up ‡ 105.38 +0.04
Dmpt Reserve ‡ 102.84 +0.04 3.72

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
0171 637 5377
American 640.00 676.30 -0.70
Capital 198.20 209.70 +0.60 0.89
Cash 100.91 100.91 -0.02 6.74
European 245.90 260.10 -0.40 0.05
Far Eastern 124.60 131.80 -2.30
Growth 241.60 255.80 +0.80 0.74
Income # 191.00 202.10 +0.10 4.56
Magnum 202.80 214.50 +0.50 0.98
Smllr Secs 824.50 872.40† -1.90
Thoroughbred 237.70 251.50† +0.60 0.85

SOCIETE GENERALE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Dealing Desk 0171 815 0062
Uk Growth Acc 98.89 105.20 -0.20 1.43

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0800 73 11 093
Carrol Primance 70.50 72.68 -0.02 6.50
Ethical 107.60 115.00 -0.10 0.83
European Growth 130.80 138.70 +0.30
Income # 81.27 86.97 +0.02 3.75
Intl Growth 137.50 145.70 +1.10 0.12
Managed 128.60 136.20 +0.30 0.15
UK Growth 96.85 103.30 1.08

STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS
0800 33 33 53
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd
Global Advtg Inc 59.75 60.05 .. 1.20
Global Advtg Acc 65.80 66.13 1.20
Income Advtg Inc 50.76 51.02 +0.10 2.55
Income Advtg Acc 61.92 62.23 +0.10 2.55
UK Equity Gth Acc 156.20 165.60 +0.80 0.81
Premier Inc Inc 54.71 56.83 -0.10 6.84
Premier Inc Acc 63.70 65.93 -0.10 6.84
Managed Acc 82.82 87.79 -0.10 1.45
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc 58.73 62.25 +0.16 3.77
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc 82.32 87.26 +0.10 3.77
UK Ethical 54.34 56.35 -0.10 1.33
UK Smlr Cos Acc 73.91 78.35 -0.10 0.38
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd
UK Equity Gen Acc 119.00 126.50 +0.30 1.11
UK Equity Gen Inc 83.23 88.44 +0.10 1.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 34.78 36.73 5.70
Oseas Lrg Co Acc 428.80 465.10 -1.30 2.05
Nth American Acc 84.08 89.34 -0.10
Pacific Basin 29.32 31.16 -1.00 1.50
European Acc 89.12 94.70 -0.10 0.01
Japan Acc 20.08 21.34

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
0171 344 7000
Global A (NZS) 6.183 6.568 1.76
US Eqts (USS) 4.946 5.238 0.82
Far East Eqts (yen) 231.90 247.10
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UK Growth ‡ 61.45 -0.04 1.88
UK Gwth & Inc ‡ 58.76 +0.04 2.11
Uk Inst Gwth ‡ 61.41 -0.05 2.20
UK Oseas Engs ‡ 59.98 +0.12 1.38
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UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡ 63.69 +0.37 1.95
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Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡ 60.38 +0.73
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Euro Gwth Acc ‡ 71.21 +0.45 0.44
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡ 69.65 +0.72 0.28
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡ 73.80 +0.79 0.22
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Global Bond ‡ 52.63 +0.49 6.33
Japan Growth Acc ‡ 35.46 +0.41
Jap Sm Coc Gth ‡ 53.33 +0.88
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UF Equity Gwth 519.30 552.45 -0.78 1.39
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Pacific Basin 23.39 24.62
Global Bond (USS) 0.9754 1.0160
Penny Share 45.61 48.01
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Gilt Income 53.23 54.05 -0.05 6.00
Gilt Growth 90.80 92.21 -0.13
Sterling Bond 53.26 54.15 -0.09 5.80

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Intl Mgd 76.76 81.51 -0.05 1.47
Uk Stockmarket 147.60 156.90 -0.40 1.82
Corporate Bd Inc 51.73 51.83 -0.001 5.26
Do Accum 57.48 57.58 -0.01 5.26

Source: FT Information
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge.

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Shares lower at the close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
646	505	Allied Domecq†	525½	- 2	4.0	15.3
412½	295	Bulmer (HP)	356		5.2	11.0
42½	19½	Burn Stewart	20		10.6	
764	452	Diageo▼	751½	- 5	2.4	32.8
800	760	Glenmorangie 'A'	790		2.7	18.7
325	258	Highland Distl	329½		3.6	14.3
213½	160	Matthew Clark	201½		17.4	6.5
59½	37½	Merrydown	43½	- 3½	8.9	
2021½	1368½	SA Breweries	1893½	- 12½	2.1	

BANKS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1609½	1178½	ABN-AMRO	1487½	- 25	2.2	21.0
1345	1010	Abbey Nat	1081	- 26	3.5	16.6
1032	585	Alliance & Leic†	820	- 15	3.2	16.5
854	567½	Allied Irish	837½	- 16½	2.2	23.5
458½	376½	Bank of Ireland	427½	- 13½	4.8	
5416½	3851½	Bank America	5143½	- 43½		
813	431	Bank Scotland†	718	- 14	1.7	19.2
1996	1068	Barclays	1747	- 22	2.6	16.2
1309	916½	Bk of Ireland	1258	- 34	2.0	
£102½	6790½	Citicorp	9221½	- 121½		
1675	1565½	Commerzbank	1671½	- 3½	3.2	
543½	290½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	336½	- 3½	1.0	
5316½	3668½	Deutsche Bk	5312½	- 12½	1.2	
1206½	1153½	Espirito Santo	1196½	- 3½	1.2	
531	245½	Fuji Bank Y	319½	+ 3½	3.1	
2073	1294	HSBC	1699	- 1	1.2	63.2
2002	937	HSBC Hk	1614	- 21	3.7	13.6
1000	700½	Halifax	788	- 11½	3.5	12.9
842½	642½	Irish Perm†	810	- 2½	2.8	22.6
1090	698	Lloyds TSB	893½	- 14½	2.0	23.5
916½	770½	Nat Aust Bk	852½	- 12	2.4	23.8
1241	751	Nat West	1106	- 17	4.1	
673	550	Northern Rock†	606	- ½	3.5	24.9
1099	565	Ryl Bk Scot	930	- 13½	2.2	22.9
1050	528	Stand Chart†	806	- 22½	2.8	18.3
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		2.9	13.0
439	385½	Westpac	411½	- 2½	1.9	
400	308	Woolwich†	346	- 4	3.4	17.8

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1180	873	Bass▼	1094	- 18	3.1	19.6
61½	50½	Brit for the Bd	57½	- ½	4.1	17.2
164½	144½	Burtonwd Brw	164		5.3	14.4
144½	110	City Centre Rest	141½		2.5	32.0
1140	581	Compass Gp	1083	- 11½	1.1	37.6
334½	280½	Eldridge P 'A'	327½	- 1	2.5	16.5
384½	251½	Enterprise Inns	361½	- 2	2.6	19.9
475	425	Fuller Sm A	472½		2.8	15.2
498½	400	Greenalls Grp	436	- ½	4.2	12.4
760	676½	Greene King	712½		3.0	14.6
285½	197½	Grosvenor Inns	285		2.8	37.3
345	260	Groupe Chez Gerr	343		1.2	23.7
263½	214½	Harry Ramsd	263½		5.4	11.5
2175	1825	Hall J	2020	- 20	4.3	
75	62	Inn Business	74	+ 1½	3.2	11.1
305	279	Mansfield	302½	+ 2½	3.0	12.5
320½	254½	Marston Thmp	310½		3.4	11.0
442½	402½	Morland	402½		4.1	10.1
393½	294½	Old Eng Pub	383	- 9½	0.8	30.3
31½	21½	Paramount	25½			
828½	678½	PizzaExpress	790½	+ 5	0.6	35.7
377½	297½	Ransoens (H)	377½	+ 10	1.9	30.5
388½	302½	Regent Inns	388½	+ 2	1.2	27.8
227	140½	SFI	207½		0.5	36.2
950	717	Scot & New	936	- 1½	3.0	18.5
288½	227	Vaux Group	264	- 2	5.4	10.7
342	273½	Wetherspoon JD†	320	- 1	0.8	34.4
1145	850	Whitbread	1035	- 5	3.2	18.2
530	469	Wolvrnmptn D	512½	- 4	4.6	11.6
522½	381	Yates Bros	522	- 4½	0.7	37.6
667½	637½	Young 'A'	641½		3.0	25.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
74½	49½	Aggregate Indst	70½	- ½	3.1	24.2
246	199	Anglian Group	246	+ 2	4.8	14.9
429	290	BPB	421	+ 6	2.9	19.3
115	88½	Baggeridge Bk	115		3.8	15.5
62½	44½	Blockleys†	54		10.0	60.6
407	271½	Blue Circle†	375	+ 7½	3.9	14.2
123½	98½	Breedon PLC†	118½		6.1	14.3
192½	125½	Br Dredging	191½		4.3	20.4
929	705	CRH	903½	+ 8	1.1	22.6
62½	47½	Cakebread Rbyt	60½		7.7	5.1
150½	107½	Capel	150½	+ 1	5.4	13.0
215½	158½	Caradon†	203	- 1	5.0	14.1
116½	100½	Caradon pft	113½	- 1	8.0	
130½	90½	Chelsfin Ep	105		5.1	7.7
219	217½	Dyson (J&J)	218½		3.3	13.0
120	106	Dyson 'A'	106½	- 1	6.7	6.4
60½	43½	Ennstone	55	+ ½		
197½	147	Epwin	182	- 1½	7.0	9.6
131½	101½	Gibbs & Dandy	129		3.9	11.8
200	154	Graham Grp	187½	- 1	4.0	18.7
282½	227½	Halstead (J)†	240		5.2	16.1
395	245	Hanson	370	+ 4	4.1	12.8
265	179	Hepworth†	249	- 4	4.5	
178½	120½	Hewetson	173½	+ 6	4.6	11.5
262½	202½	Heywd Wlm	262½		6.6	10.0
66	43	Ibstock†	54	- 1	5.1	13.4
385	250	Johnston	325		4.7	17.1
107½	84½	Litesnall†	98½	+ 1	6.3	9.7
121½	82½	Marley†	119		5.2	10.3
157½	120	Marshalls	156½	- 1	4.3	14.5
412½	328½	Meyer Int	403½	+ ½	3.8	15.0
77½	64½	Norcros	74		3.2	16.3
139	103½	Pilkington	137	+ ½	4.2	17.5
196	156½	Polypipe	191	+ ½	2.3	14.3
24	14½	Quadgold	16½			14.1
1210	740½	RMC Grp	1200	+ 16	2.7	17.4
110½	78½	Ruberoid†	103½	+ ½	5.9	11.8
139½	111½	Rugby Group†	133½	+ ½	3.7	19.2
85	73½	Russell (A)†	78½		4.8	11.9
266½	195½	SIG†	261½	+ 9	3.7	13.3
2½	1½	SWP	2½	- ½		
237½	220½	Stamp & Fisher†	236½		3.3	14.6
25	14½	Spring Ram	20½		0.6	
298½	144½	Sreenmine Hldgs†	287½	+ 1	4.0	
130½	93	Tarmac†	118	+ ½	6.1	14.0
97	83	Tilon	96	+ 3½	7.0	9.4
628½	457	Travis Perkins†	577½		2.4	17.8
104½	60½	Tudor†	103½		3.6	13.4
324½	180½	Ultraframe	317½	+ 1	1.6	33.6
570	400	Wolseley	432	+ 3	3.4	13.8

CHEMICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
188	134½	Albright & Wilt	180	- 2	4.0	17.8
127½	106½	Amber Ind	126½		5.7	10.0
107½	90½	Amberley Gp	102½		2.0	17.3
100	72	Allione Ex	94½			15.4
2784½	2003½	BASF DM	2762½	- 21½	2.6	
1109	850	BOC	973	- 4	3.6	17.5
519½	331½	BTP	489½	- 2	3.0	23.4
2775	2131½	Bayer DM50	2775	+ 43½	2.1	
126	94½	Brent Chems	112½	+ ½	3.3	12.9
335½	210½	Br Vita	332½	- 2½	3.3	16.8
187½	128½	Brunner Mond	186	- ½	5.8	10.2
296	252½	Canning (W)†	277	+ ½	4.1	13.2
229½	155	City Technology	203½	+ 8½	2.3	39.3
474	234	Courtaulds	472½		3.5	28.9
469	351½	Croda†	466	- 1	2.2	22.3
270	203½	Doeflert	269½		3.9	11.5
159½	116	Elementis	156½	- ½		24.8
313½	260½	Ellis & Everard	288½	+ 5	4.4	12.4
71	53½	Euro Colour	68	- 1½	4.4	12.3
246½	138½	Gibbon	245	+ 2½	4.4	
94½	64½	Hickson†	91		1.1	15.9
2716½	2096½	Hoechst	2700	- 16½	2.0	
1235	738½	ICI	1215	+ 6	2.6	48.2
310½	189	Inspec	300½	+ 7	2.8	13.5
193½	141½	Kalon†	188½	+ 1	4.1	27.8
867½	605	Laporte†	831	- 11½	3.1	16.8
75	47	Merckem†	74		4.1	7.1
35	27	Menotect	32		4.1	8.1
380	320	Porvair	351	- 5	2.2	19.5
231	181½	Scapa	212	+ ½	3.5	11.5
22	16½	Suckle Speak	20½	+ ½	7.1	8.8
1761½	1455½	Takeda Chem	1715½	+ 26	0.4	31.9
248	221½	Victrex	238½		2.5	21.6
685	595	Wisnhme Rt	677½	+ 7½	5.0	10.8
240	190	Yorks Grp	212½	+ 2½	5.6	13.4
421½	282½	Yule Catto†	421½	+ 1½	3.0	17.3

CONSTRUCTION

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58½	19½	AAF Inds	53	- ½		
375	230	Abbey	375		2.2	28.2
427½	332½	Allen	426½		2.6	21.0
188½	114	Amec†	181	+ ½	3.5	17.8
745	400	Amey†	745	+ 1½	1.9	23.8
1212½	715	Andrews Sykes†	1182½	+ 22½	1.6	23.8
283½	180	Ashtead	283½	+ 2	1.0	35.3
48½	28½	Avonside†	45½		4.1	8.7
36½	26½	Bardx	36½	+ 2	4.1	17.5
73	48½	Barcom	70		2.7	17.3
329	224	Barratt Devs†	314½	- 2	3.7	13.8
332	161½	Beazer	211½	+ 3	4.0	11.9
401½	320½	Bellway	367½	+ 5	3.3	12.1
35½	18½	Belhwick	23	+ ½		7.9
85½	46½	Ben Bailey†	73½		3.7	8.5
775	582½	Berkeley Gp	747½	- 4	1.6	13.2
167½	146	Bird Bros	163½	+ 1½	5.3	4.5
315	270	Boot (Henry)†	289		3.7	10.8
276½	192½	Bovis Homes	259½	+ ½	4.6	11.1
165½	105	Brandon Hire	165	+ 1	2.6	20.1
42½	30½	Britannia Grpt	40½		4.3	16.3
155½	109	Bryant	126½	- 1	5.0	11.7
127½	102½	CALA	124½		3.9	7.7
4	3	Campbell & Arm	3½			
136½	83½	Clarke T	128½		5.9	8.8
41½	20	Costain	38			
125½	97½	Countryside	113		3.3	10.7
142	94½	Crest Nicholson	127½	+ ½	3.7	10.9
122½	85½	Cussins†	116½		4.8	9.0
213½	160	Eve Group	213½	+ 8½	3.1	15.8
23	19½	Galliford	22½		5.8	13.2
1100	1015	Gleeson (MJ)	1025		2.3	15.0
175	98	Havelock Euro	102½		6.0	6.7
193½	152	Hewden-Stuart†	193½	+ 1	2.3	23.3
28	20	Howard Hldgs	21½		5.8	21.4
696½	369½	Jarvis	668½		1.2	34.3
251	181	Kellert	249½		2.6	
232½	199½	Kier	211½	- 1	4.3	10.6
370½	309½	Laing (J)†	360½		3.6	19.4
125	117½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	124	+ 1	6.5	
18½	8½	Lovell (YJ)	12½			
212½	155½	Maunders (J)	209½		3.8	12.1
180	133½	McAlpine (A)†	156	- 2½	6.0	9.3
189½	113½	McCarthy & S	189½		2.2	13.7
142½	70	McInerney†	142½		0.9	16.2
236½	171½	Morgan Sindall	236½		2.6	14.4
397½	301	Morrison Cons	378½		1.8	21.2
127	77½	Mowlem (J)†	126	+ 1½	4.0	11.5
259½	182½	Persimmon	242½		5.2	11.4
109½	80½	Peterhouse†	91½		5.1	6.4
120	112	Pochins	120		3.9	13.3
158½	116	Prowting	146½		4.0	
198	142½	Redrow†	171	- 1	2.7	12.6
322½	222½	Spender	317½		1.5	18.3
94½	72	Swan Hill†	76	+ 1	4.5	13.8
142½	120½	Try Homes	132½		7.8	9.9
238	174	Taylor Woodrw†	224½	+ 4	2.0	17.0
283½	190	Tilbury Dougl†	251		4.8	13.8
29½	21½	Try Group†	25		2.9	9.5
78½	63½	Vibroplant	78		6.5	
135½	105½	Wainhomes	133½		4.4	13.8
58	38½	Ward Hldgs	49½		6.8	7.0
272½	228½	Westbury	263		3.6	11.1
15	12½	Wiggins	13			19.0
191	139½	Wilson (C)†	167½	- 2	4.1	
689½	511	Wilson Bowdn†	682½	+ 6	2.3	14.0
140½	92½	Wimpey G†	132	- ½	5.4	10.9

DISTRIBUTORS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
257½	182½	Achon Cp Splst	253½	- 3	1.4	21.1
355	297½	Adam & Harvey	332½	- 5	8.5	5.0
21	9½	Alexanders	18½	- ½		
2	1	Ass Br Eng	1½			58.8

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1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
457	353	BSS Group	355	- 6½	7.4	10.7
20½	12½	Bearing Power	20½			
34½	34½	Bogod 'A'	34½		3.3	5.5
726½	550	Bramner†	726½	+ 4	3.0	16.2
16	10½	Bridgend Gp	14½		1.7	23.1
113½	79	Brit Fittings†	106½		6.0	8.8
372½	345	Caffyns	360		4.5	8.3
206	170½	Cat Group	201½	+ 6	3.0	22.8
167½	134½	Coverdale†	167½	+ 1	3.0	10.6
54	31½	Copy (DC)	47½		6.4	6.8
137½	90½	Dag Motors†	136½		6.0	7.4
125½	105½	Denmans El	112½		3.3	8.8
265	217½	Diploma	225½	- 2	8.0	9.1
601	450	Electrocompnts	550	+ 8	1.8	29.6
186	143½	Eurotos Elec	179½	- 6	3.7	30.9
110	94½	European Mtr	108		6.8	8.4
305	250½	Evans Halshaw	297½		7.1	9.5
70½	39½	File Indmar	65½	- 3	7.1	7.4
400½	357½	Finelist Grp	376	- 2½	2.7	15.0
27½	21½	Gardiner	26		4.8	11.7
82½	60½	Glencheeton	67		3.7	9.5
135½	99½	Gowrings	121½		3.6	11.5
18½	13	HR Owen	16		6.2	10.4
402	340	Headlam	377½		2.4	19.3
160	135	Holders Tech†	140	+ 2½	6.0	8.7
120	72½	ISA Intl	74½	+ ½	5.5	7.3
250	136½	Inchcape†	222½	- 4	5.3	26.8
80	57½	Jacks (Wm)	65½		6.9	
577½	361½	Kwik-Fit	577	+ 2	1.4	25.9
614	422½	Lex Service	581½		3.8	14.8
173	100	Lookers	120		8.6	8.1
508	351	Menzies (John)	508		3.4	16.5
5½	3½	Mmnbesa	4		3.1	9.8
19½	16½	Macelles†	17½		3.5	
306	242	Norbain	284		3.9	11.5
291	197½	Northamber	236½	- 25	1.6	15.7
342	295½	Partco†	318	- 2	3.4	15.3
312½	249½	Pendragon	285	- 2½	4.7	13.5
256	167½	Perry Gp	250	- 5	4.9	9.5
443	272	Premier Farnell	361	- 1½	4.5	14.3
154½	119½	Quess Group	151½		6.0	11.0
285	140	REA	185		2.2	31.1
2½	1½	Reece	2½	+ ¼		
37½	30½	Ring	32½			
12½	4½	Roncon	5½	- 1½		
5½	3½	Ross Gp	4½			10.6
112½	97½	Rybrind	101½	- 1	5.4	7.7
31	25½	SEP Indl	29½		5.3	15.5
30	16½	Saltire	28		5.4	
287½	211½	Sanderson Bram	286		2.4	10.4
60	48	Seegmoor	60	+ 3	3.5	15.1
273½	226½	Synter	268½		3.2	12.5
195½	166½	Time Products	168½		9.7	
210	132½	Trust Motor Grp	181	+ 3	1.8	31
432	390	UMECO	481½		1.8	21.4
124	88½	United Ocean Gpt	107½		1.3	
299½	244½	Vardy (Reg)	276½	- 1	3.5	13.0
800	655	WF Electr	749		2.6	23.1
192½	140	Wyko	185	- 2½	2.2	17.4
154½	135	Young (H)	154½		3.7	11.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
330	297	Antofagasta	327		2.2	28.5
366	329	Ascot Hldgs†	364		4.0	10.9
642	522½	Broken Hill	540½	- 11½	3.6	15.3
637½	466½	BAT†	584½	- 8½	4.9	14.8
43½	32½	Brierley Inv	32½		9.4	8.2
279½	167	Cookson†	261	- 9	3.5	15.2
277½	217½	Cosalt	247½		6.0	8.2
605	410	DCC	605		1.4	
383	302	Gallaher†	319½	- ½	7.5	9.1
450½	288	Hutch Whamp	326½	+ 1½	3.9	
474½	383½	Imperial Tob	449	+ 4	6.0	11.0
335½	231½	Jardine Mamt	241½	+ 1½	6.3	
617½	474½	Powell Duffryn	610	+ 10	5.1	15.9
147	101	Staveley	125½		9.0	16.4
368½	255	Swire Pacific	263½	+ 8½	5.3	
354	241½	TI Group†	354	+ 5½	3.1	13.5
384½	288	Tomkins	353	- 5	3.4	15.0
250	207½	Unitare	250		6.5	12.7
560	415	Wardle Storeys†	548	+ 1	4.8	15.9
381½	301½	Wassall	330	- ½	2.4	15.5
136½	108½	Whitecroft	108½		5.4	17.6

ELECTRICITY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
609	310	Br Energy	549	- 1	3.2	54.1
889½	600	Energy Group	839	+ 1½	3.1	16.9
398	298½	National Grid▼	375	- ½	3.8	14.8
700	518½	National Power	563	- 4½	6.2	7.6
900	725	PowerGen	790	+ 10	4.2	12.0
587½	502½	Hydro-Elect	582	- 2½	3.9	13.3
599	475	Scottish Power	554½	+ 1½	4.7	13.1
580	467	Southern Elec	537	+ 8½	5.2	14.3
615	522	Viridian	572½	- 2½	5.2	12.6

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
990	715	ARM Holdings	820	+ 42½		
355½	304½	Acal	355½		3.5	11.5
1127½	880	Admiral	1107½	+ 25	0.3	
46	37½	Amstrad	43½	- ½	1.4	
35	26½	Arlen	34½	+ 4	4.9	11.0
129½	98	Ascot	98		2.0	10.4
70½	43½	Azlan	55½	- 1½		
182½	127½	BICC†	167½	- 3	6.0	
93½	51½	Baxter Hunter	87½		14.6	8.5
375	260	BBA	375	+ 10	4.7	12.8
571	345½	Bowthorpe†	547½	- 14	2.6	20.9
18	12	Bulgin A	17		9.8	
205½	150½	CML Micro	189½		4.0	22.6
27½	10	Channel Hldgs	14½		10.1	4.4
49½	38½	Chloride	47½	- ½	1.8	11.5
109½	64½	Chrysalis	102½		4.4	11.3
897½	722½	Critchley	892½	- 5	1.8	23.9
338½	213½	Dellat	329½		4.9	12.9
451	382	Domino	447½		3.4	15.7
77½	51	Dowding Mills†	67½	+ 1½	5.9	12.8
320	240	Druck	320		0.7	34.5
6016½	4118½	Electrolux 'B'	5962½	- 12½	1.7	
27½	17	Emess†	27½		2.8	19.4
3409½	2128½	Ericsson 'B'	3349½	+ 3½	0.8	
482	311	Eurotherm	458		2.7	20.2
590	463	Farnly Group†	491	+ 2	2.4	14.1
587½	428	Filtronic	462½	+ 1½	0.4	32.0
18½	7½	Forward Tech	16½		1.9	
550	338	GEC	522½	- 10½	3.2	24.1
48½	35½	Ind Control	43	+ 1	1.5	
22	15	Intelek	18	+ 1½	6.8	
73	54½	LPA Ind	69		4.1	25.4
425	425	Mitel	425			
177½	117½	Network Tech	154½	+ 7	1.0	18.0
328	255	Oxford Inst	316		3.0	11.1
111	73½	Pace Micro	79	- ½	3.2	
6159½	3450	Philips Lmp nv	6159½	+ 159½	0.8	
88½	38½	Prasmon	67½	- 1½	1.9	
345	272½	Pressac†	336½	- 4½	1.6	24.6
60½	29	Prestwick	35		4.0	9.7
462½	257	Psion†	269	- 2½	1.2	25.1
358	243½	Racal Elect	339½	+ 5	2.2	64.0
90½	51½	Radamec	55		7.3	11.7
505	335	Renishaw	499	- 3½	2.3	29.2
1½	1½	Rodime	1½			
292½	191½	Rotork	291	- ½	3.1	
361½	202½	SDX Bus Sys	341½		0.9	40.9
377½	244	Servomex†	310	- 5	3.8	15.2
53½	36½	Silverdmaset	53	+ 6	3.4	12.0
4993½	4128½	TDK†	4918½	- 65½	0.6	
72½	59	TGI	65½		6.8	6.9
125	88½	TLG	119	- 3	4.3	14.1
62	7	Tadpole Tech	25½	+ 1½		
55½	38½	Telemetrix†	43½		4.6	10.5
365	230	Telspec†	332½	- 2½		40.8
150½	122½	Thorpe FW	147		3.9	8.0
157½	70½	Total Systems	135	+ 1½	1.3	28.2
130	100	Tunstall	129		5.0	18.1
18	7	Ultima Networks	11	+ ½	9.9	
111	66½	Verity	102	+ 3	0.1	
195½	84½	Verot	187½		3.8	16.8
40½	30	Vigilon Technology	31		1.6	
587½	480	Volex	587		4.6	18.1

ENGINEERING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
280	220	AIM	222½		4.2	10.5
44	28½	ASW	36½	- ½		
255	145	Alumasc	182	+ 1	5.8	8.3
199½	129½	Alvis	192½	+ 3	2.3	13.5
176½	158½	Ash & Lacy†	174½		5.5	8.3
125	70	Ayrshire Metal	70		9.8	4.5
535½	345½	BBA†	523½	- 7	1.5	21.4
230½	154½	BTR†	206½	- 7½	4.7	13.6
97½	68½	BWI†	90½	- 7	4.4	10.2
85½	61	Babcock	81½	+ ½	1.9	
9½	6½	Bailey (CH)	9½	+ ½	3.4	
106½	77	Baynes (Charles)†	106½	+ ½	3.8	15.1
27½	10½	Beaufort	11½		9.3	
230½	181½	Berisford	225½	- 3	3.1	13.0
97½	84	Berald Cv Un Ln	94½	- ½	5.3	
1285	867½	Bodycote	1282½		1.0	28.3
44½	35½	Booth Inds	39			
39½	15½	Brasway	17½	- ½	6.3	8.0
141	117½	Bridport	120		4.2	13.5
555	381½	Br Aerospace	518	- 11	1.2	22.5
172	122½	Br Steel	170	- 2	7.4	15.5
172	136½	Brooke Intl	154½	+ 1	4.0	8.5
18½	9½	Brunel	12	- ½	5.2	5.5
102½	92½	Bullough	98½	- ½	7.5	10.0
36	25½	Carbo	28½		4.8	35.6
217½	150	Carclo Eng	182½	- 2	7.4	10.9
225	181½	Castings	204½	+ 1	3.2	11.8
272½	190	Chamberlin Hill	257½		3.9	11.6
763½	570	Charter†	762½	+ 4	4.1	24.9
160½	110½	Chemring	157½	- 1	2.4	
375	175	Clyde Blowers	179	- 1½	4.9	27.9
1147½	732½	Cobham	1132		1.5	29.4
430	385	Cohen (A)	375			
147½	105½	Concentric	134½	- ½	6.8	27.9
264½	184½	David Brown	249	- 6	4.7	
350	282½	EIS	345	+ 1½	5.2	13.3
32½	16	Eleco	32	+ 2		13.0
112½	72½	Elliott (B)	110		3.6	14.6
47	27	Energy Tech	46½	- ½	4.0	44.0
161½	124½	Expamet	161		3.0	15.5
228½	147½	FKI	224½	+ ½	3.0	20.4
216	167½	Fenner	202½	- 1	2.7	15.4
3	1½	Fenum	2½	- ½		
40	29	Firth Hldgs	38½	+ ½	0.8	28.8
154½	126½	Firth Rixson	152	- ½	2.3	18.6
45½	27½	Flare	38		4.2	2.6
108	91½	GEI Int	107		5.3	10.8
204	146½	Garton Eng	202½		5.1	7.0
931½	218½	Glynwed†	289	- 10	5.5	12.0
159½	92½	Haden MacLn	159½	+ 13½	2.5	16.2
250	185	Hadleigh	250	+ 12	3.5	11.8
250	180	Hall Engr	250		4.2	10.1
140½	99½	Halma	136		2.3	18.4
82	64½	Hampson Ind	82	+ 1½	3.8	16.7
65½	32½	Hay (Norman)	65½		1.9	18.3
54½	40½	Headway	43½		4.6	5.8
71½	42½	Hill & Smith	68½		7.6	17.5
111½	85½	How Gp	103½		3.4	14.7
246	210½	Hunting†	246		4.1	13.2
527½	378	IMI†	509½	- 8	2.7	18.6
652	467½	Johnson Matth	620	- 8½	2.6	15.1
28½	22½	Jones Stroud	23		8.2	9.5
430	385	Kelsey Ind	400		8.8	6.9
418	291½	Lincat†	382½	- 1½	3.5	12.1
32½	23½	Locker (T)	29½	- ½	4.3	10.7
22½	16½	MS Int	20½		3.7	
460	403½	Mang Bronze	445½	- 1½	2.8	18.5
629½	377½	McKechnie†	517½	- 4½	4.2	13.6
176½	155½	McLeod Russel	175½		5.0	12.8
221½	154½	Meggitt	219½	+ ½	2.7	23.6
99	82½	Metalrax	99	+ 4	5.2	13.5
14½	11½	MetalTera	14			7.8
213½	142½	Metsec	207½		3.1	11.3
357½	237½	Molins†	252½		7.4	
501½	392½	Morgan Cruc†	487½	- 13	4.0	15.5
57½	49½	Polyhedron	55		8.8	7.4
208½	176½	Powerscreen	181	- 1	7.3	4.7
209½	155½	Quadramatic	203½	+ 3	6.5	18.4
50	30½	Quadrant Grp	35½			
60	50	Radiant Metal	55			
273½	235½	Renold	272½		3.8	11.0
85	73	Richardson Westl	82½	- 1½	6.8	7.3
309	188	Rolls-Royce†	293½	- 5	2.5	22.2
370	269	Rotork†	370	+ 3	3.1	24.7
230	140	Rubicon	228	+ 1½	3.4	16.4
1425	1153½	SKF 'B'	1343½	- 50	3.1	
230	139½	Senior Engt	226	- ½	1.9	20.9
612½	461½	Smiths Ind†	580		2.2	17.3
1554	975	Siebe	1413	+ 4	1.1	25.3
146	114½	Sx Hofbdod	146	+ ½	4.3	10.3
990	702	Spirax Sarco	937	+ 14	2.5	21.0
18½	10½	Solvera	10½	- ½	2.8	
708	542½	Spirax-Sarco†	704	- 1	2.6	18.4
326½	282½	Sterling Ind	313½		4.1	11.4

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
153½	123	Adwest	153½		5.1	12.0
218	150	Airflow Stream	218	+ 11½	4.6	15.7
685	617	Avon Rubber	685		3.2	13.4
345	300	Bestway	302½		3.0	10.9
168	114½	Britax	167		2.4	18.2
353½	251½	Dennis	353½		3.5	14.8
410½	277½	First Tech	410½		1.2	28.8
1831	1052½	GKN†	1813	+ 4	1.6	23.7
4603½	3418½	General Mtr	4603½	+ 28½	2.7	
575	414½	Heskys	573½		3.6	14.5
2326½	1991½	Honda Motor	2136½	+ 4	0.4	
480	384½	Laird	462½	- 4	3.1	12.2
288	194	Lucasvarity†	270	- 2	2.1	16.3
241½	158½	Mayflower†	231½	- 3	1.5	22.6
127½	95½	Syltone	115½	+ ½	7.0	8.6
261	252½	T & N	258		4.4	15.0
31½	22½	Toad	24½	+ ½		
42½	36½	Wilshaw	41	+ ¼	2.6	11.0

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
670	529	AB Food	545	- 25	2.3	16.9
270	215	Acatos & Hutch	227½	- 1½	5.8	24.0
37	24½	Albert Fisher†	29		14.5	11.2
285	194	Banks (S C)	194		7.4	7.0
500	417	Barr (AG)†	491	+ 7	4.3	
44½	34	Bensons Crsp	40½		4.9	8.7
360	209	Booker†	268½		11.2	11.9
915	571½	Brake Bros	915	+ 10	1.5	24.8
103½	85	CPL Aromas	96		6.2	27.7
920	600	Cadbury-Schwt	897	+ 17	2.0	24.1
262	135	Carrs Milling†	136		10.6	6.7
114½	70½	Cavaghan	114½		4.0	20.2
274½	234½	Cranswick	273½		4.8	13.0
389½	253	Dairy Crest Group	366		3.5	15.4
415½	273½	Dalgety†	405½	- 9	3.0	
67	37½	Daniels St	55		11.1	18.1
545½	375	Devro†	486½	- 23½	2.4	20.7
188½	149½	Express Dairies	168½	+ ½	5.9	13.9
130½	99	Finlay (James)	130	- ½	3.3	13.8
530	404	Geest	527½	+ 12½	2.4	20.9
15½	8½	Global†	14		6.2	17.9
380	285	Greencore	339	- 21	2.6	18.6
211½	164½	Hazlewood Fds	208	+ 3½	4.3	14.9
196½	142	Hillsdown†	186½	+ 5½	8.4	11.7
410	392	Linton Park	410	+ 4	7.1	6.8
109	86	Matthews (B)	108½		5.0	16.8
227½	205½	Nichols (Vt)	217½	+ 4	4.5	11.4
248	182	Nthn Foods	218	+ 2	5.8	12.5
20	15	Nurdin Fn	15½		1.6	8.1
112½	89½	Paramount Foods	112½		5.8	
57	28½	Pascoe's	38			
135½	82½	Perkins Food†	134		4.3	17.3
83½	69½	Plant & Gen	75½		2.8	
92	60	Senty Farm†	87½	+ 1½	4.3	
34½	19½	Sims Food	27½			2.9
583	440½	Tate & Lyle	509	+ 4	3.4	11.3
151	111½	Trent	127		5.9	14.0
738½	591½	Unigate	690½	- 7	3.7	16.6
684	349½	Unilever†	673½	- 11	1.6	31.6
4768½	3500	Unilever (NV)	4740½	- 19½	1.5	12.7
268	216½	Utd Biscuits†	258	+ 1	4.9	19.0
62½	44½	WT Foods	57		3.3	21.9

HEALTHCARE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
442½	318½	Alnce UniChem†	435		2.8	19.2
167	135	Assoc Nursg	164	- 2	2.9	25.8
937½	693	Bespak	937½		1.7	28.9
525	115	Biocompts Int	144	- 1		
175½	144	Care UK	175½		0.9	20.4
89½	26½	Celsis	28½			
538½	389½	Community H	538½		2.8	19.6
33	25½	CrestaCare	32½	- ½	3.8	15.3
18	7½	Enviromed	15			
164½	122½	Ferraris Group	145	- 1½	3.0	12.5
168½	144½	Gyrus	167½	+ 8		
192½	141	Huntigh Tec	192½	+ 2½	2.0	
138½	91½	Innovative Tech	107½	+ 2½		
95	68	Intercare Grt	85½		5.0	47.3
580	495	Isotron	535	+ 5	1.5	19.1
206½	150	Lon Int	198		1.7	28.5
295	100½	Nestor Hlth†	290	- 5	1.7	31.1
2750	1733	Nycomed Amrsh†	2070	+ 65	1.1	23.0
5½	5½	Protelx Health#	5½			
11	6½	Regina	8½			
456½	255½	Scholl	456	+ 4½	2.4	25.1
729½	501½	Seton Healtn	729½	+ 16	1.7	
810	507½	Shield Diag	580	- 15		
230	171½	Sinclair Mont†	178	- 1	0.1	
184	150	Smith & Neph	173½	- 1½	3.7	15.7
2½	2	Tanaris	2½		4.6	15.5
412½	333½	West Hlthcare	339	- 66½	2.5	15.4

HOUSEHOLD GDS & TEXT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
167½	132½	Alsprung	167½	+ 24	4.8	10.7
186	165½	Allen	189	+ 1½	4.1	10.7
85	55	Albico	65		8.3	6.8
166½	120½	Alexandra W	165½	- ½	5.4	
167½	124	Allied Textile	151½	- ½	7.0	9.9
25½	13½	Amber	23½	- ½	3.9	58.4
205	157	BLP Group†	165		5.7	6.0
285½	206	Baird (Wm)	260		5.1	13.1
53½	48½	Bisson Bliss	48½		2.0	
149½	97½	Black Arrow	125½		4.3	10.3
421½	391½	Black (Peter)	392	- 3	2.1	18.3
94½	76	Breedh Mohalrt	87½		5.7	75.4
88½	47½	Claremont Garments	55		11.4	
100	81½	Coats Viyella†	81½		5.1	33.0
182½	146	Cornwell Pro Sp	151½	- 1	2.7	12.1
368	313	Courtaulds Text†	323½	+ 1	5.9	12.3
33½	24½	Creighton	35			
13½	6½	Dallywn	6½		13.3	
68½	48	Dawson†	56½		7.9	8.2
157½	126	Denby Group	157½	+ 2	3.6	11.7
267½	225½	Dewhirst†	232	+ 1	2.9	14.1
27½	17	Dinkie Heel	24½		8.2	8.9
27	11½	Drummond Group	21	+ 2½	3.0	5.6
122½	104½	Eclipse Blindst	115½	+ 1	3.9	10.1
42	29	Elbief	31½		4.8	6.6
131½	90	FII Group	90		5.8	8.9
34	24	Faupel Trading	35½		10.7	5.2
10½	3½	Foster (J)	3½			
44½	35½	French	35½		5.5	
502½	377½	Gaskell	435		2.5	8.3
78½	60	Haggas (J)	71½		7.9	13.9
11½	8½	Harelstone Group	10½		5.6	28.6
257½	216½	Hicking Pentecost	232½		4.1	13.1
4	2½	Hollas Group	2½	- ½		
18½	10½	Honeysuckle Grp#	14			
85	62½	Horace Small	84	+ ½		
390	260	IWP Intl	390	+ 10	1.8	17.4
25½	11	Jacques Vert	11½			
52½	37½	Jerome Grpt	44		9.6	15.8
328	285	Jones Stroud	295		4.8	12.5
72½	47½	Jourdan (T)†	68½	- ½	2.7	
134	80	Kenwood App	110	+ 6		
245	200	Lambert Howarth†	217½		4.9	9.6
152	135	Lamont Hldgs	137		12.5	8.0
123	88½	Leeds Group	88½		9.9	5.8
17	8½	Leslie Wisert	15½		12.1	6.6
16	12½	Llanheart†	15		3.3	12.1
90	68	Lyles (S)	82	- ½	3.9	8.2
210	173	McBride†	195		4.6	14.2
122½	103½	Mayborn†	117½		8.5	8.3
595	550	Osborne & Little	585		4.5	11.6
4½	2½	PEX Group	3½	- ½	3.2	
126	49½	Parkland Group	50		10.5	
475	435	Paterson Zoch	462		4.7	10.2
425	375	Paterson Zch 'A'	418		5.2	9.3
129	109½	Portland Group	121	+ 2	3.9	17.0
210	185	Pileo	207		3.9	10.5
203	185	Pifco 'A' Vtg	193½		4.2	9.8
60½	37½	Polaroid	37½		11.7	8.3
43½	38	Readicut Intl	42	+ ½	7.7	12.3
1300	852	Reckitt Colmt	1210	- 6	2.0	21.6
620	430½	Relyon	620		2.9	20.0
25	17½	Richards	25		10.0	
216	174½	Royal Doulton†	215½		5.8	23.3
32½	20½	SEET	27			
45	29½	Sherwood Group†	40		11.2	10.7
110½	88½	Shiloh	94½	- ½	5.8	
285	260	Slatiwright	272		5.4	
70½	52½	Sirdar	68½		10.1	8.7
50	32½	Stirling Group	47½	- ½	6.2	11.1
16½	7	Stoddard	8½	- ½	10.7	12.1
252½	191½	Steves	207½		3.6	13.6
278½	211½	Swallowfield†	237½		4.2	11.3
206½	155	Tomkinsons	184	- 2	8.0	9.1
9½	2½	UK Safety	3			
142	134	Usher (F)	138½		10.1	7.0
80	65	Victoria	65		4.8	10.3
150	117½	Vymura	143½		4.7	10.1
68	40	Walker Greenbk	68	+ ½	7.1	
105½	80	Wisford Wdgwdt	105½		1.6	29.7
97½	59½	Wensum	96½		6.7	
195	195	Wood (Arthur)	195		4.5	12.9
140	88½	Yorkyde	86		6.7	14.8

INSURANCE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4103½	3250	Am Gen	4071½	- 6½	2.3	
144	108	Angerstein	143	- ½	9.2	11.1
64½	53½	Bradstock	59½		12.0	8.0
1364	1102½	Britannic†	1275	+ 9	3.3	8.6
164	120	CLM Insce	157½		8.7	12.3
275½	262½	Charles Taylor†	270½		2.1	30.2
1300	707	Cgen Unitrst†	1053	- 37	3.1	21.3
415½	237	Cox Insce	415½	+ 19	1.3	
565	495	Dom & Gen	555		2.3	20.4
158	112	Euclidian	137½	- 1½	13.6	17.1
486½	303	FBD IE	486½	+ ¼	1.9	18.6
162	145½	Fisbury Under#	161½		10.1	12.9
1626	807	Gen Accident	1323	- 47	3.6	11.2
495	325	GRE	394	- 3	3.1	5.7
748½	441½	Hiscman E	739½	- 1½	1.4	14.3
206	165	Hiscox	193½	+ 1½	2.2	
1800	1145	Independent†	1775	+ 60	1.2	17.8
602½	342½	Irish Life†	549½	- 1	2.5	
187	151½	Jardine Lyd Thr†	186		6.7	12.5
165	107	Kiln Capital	139½		2.5	47.0
120½	100½	Lambert Fen	116½		9.0	8.2
785	582	Legal & Genrt	682	- 8	2.3	17.8
2278½	1421½	Liberty Life	1928½	- 40½	2.0	17.9
184½	145	Link	176	+ 2	4.4	10.7
627½	489½	Londn & Man†	533½		5.8	21.9
5567½	4321½	Marsh McLn	5433½	- 40½	2.3	
113	100	Masdecad	110½	+ ½	4.5	
87	78	New London Cap	79½		9.4	11.7
558	385	Norwich Union†	437	- 3	3.3	17.3
134½	102½	Ockham†	134½	+ 5	4.2	

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
634	490	3i	627	- 3	1.9	36.8
65	51½	Aberdeen Emrg Ec	61½	+ ½		
129½	96½	Aberdeen High Inct	129		7.5	19.2
133	84	Aberdn New Dawn	107	+ 2½	1.9	43.4
256	206½	Aberforth Smlr	256	+ 1½	3.4	28.5
156½	116	Aberforth Spl Wts	156½	+ ½		
3067½	2466	Alliance	3065	+ 2½	2.4	47.0
705	584	Anglo & O'seas	699	- 4½	1.9	62.9
74½	65	Aust Opps	66		0.5	
67	58½	Baillie Gifford SH	65½			
293	239½	Bankers†	290	- 1	2.3	47.2
118	85½	Baring Em Ec	112	- ½		
607½	468½	Baring Tribne	599½	- ½	1.7	68.3
140½	114½	Br Assets	139½	- ½	4.4	25.8
122½	106	Br Empire Secs	121½		1.1	65.9
61½	52½	Brazilian	58½	- ½		
375½	313	Bunzl	370½	- ½	2.2	58.2
110	110	BZW Convrt	110		8.9	
93½	74½	Cairngorm Dem	89	+ ½	1.3	
987½	737½	Candover†	982½	+ 35	2.5	40.3
68½	58½	Central Euro Grwth	62½	- ½		
509	384	Contl European	507½	- 1½	1.5	
194	168	City Merch HY	193		6.0	15.8
281	230	City Of Lon†	276½		3.0	38.2
381	234	Contl Assct	378	- 1½	0.7	
77½	74½	Danae Inv Inc	75½		13.7	9.7
635	530	Derby Cap	620½	- ½		
139½	127½	Derby Inc	131½	- ½	18.5	4.1
229½	174½	Dunedn Inc G	212	- ¼	3.5	33.6
431½	335½	Dunedn Smll	431½	+ 2	2.9	36.6
219½	170	Dunedn Wrde	217	- 1	1.2	
60½	43	Edin Dragon	50½	+ ¼		
29½	24½	Edinburgh Inca	27½			
518	413½	Edinburgh IT	488	- 2	2.7	39.6
105	81½	Edin Japan	89½	+ ¼		
526	424½	Edin US Tst	525		0.9	
664	527	Electra Inv	662½	+ 1½	1.8	46.7
189	157	Eng & Scot	188½	- ¼	2.3	40.9
29½	25½	Ent Cap	26½			
547½	374	European Assets	543½	- 1½	0.9	
70½	47½	Fidty Asian Val	56	+ ½		
384½	277½	Fidty Euro Val†	384	+ ¼	0.2	
32½	25	Fidty Jap Val	28½	+ ¼		
163½	135½	Fidty Spec Val	163½	+ ¼	1.0	
285½	217½	Finsbury 'A'	285½	+ 2	1.8	72.3
221	173	Finsbury Grth	214	+ 2	2.0	60.9
155½	130	Five Arr Chile	139	+ ½	1.8	62.9
18½	2½	Five Arr Wts	2½			
643½	513½	Fleming Amer	641½	+ 2½	0.4	
64	44½	Fleming Asian	49	+ ½		
12½	6½	Fleming Asian Wts	8½			
64½	44½	Fleming Chinese	46	+ 1½		
27½	14	Fleming Ch Wts	16½	+ ½		
507½	401½	Fleming Clavert	484	+ ½	1.8	67.1
683½	471	Fleming Contl	682	- ½	0.5	
134	100½	Fleming Em Mkts	123½	- ½	0.4	
361	271	Fleming Entp	360½	+ 3	1.8	53.7
411	307	Flem Grd Gth Ord	406	- ½	0.8	
162½	152	Flem Grd Gth Pft	157½		10.3	
132½	103	Fleming Inc Capt	127½		5.6	24.2
112½	105½	Fleming Inc Inc	111½	- ½	11.1	10.3
350½	246½	Fleming Ing Cap	341½	- 3		
50½	39½	Fleming Indian	46½	+ ¼		
12½	7½	Fleming In Wts	8	+ ½		
167½	131	Fleming Japan	138½	+ 2		
457	364½	Fleming Merc	457	+ 3	2.7	41.4
92	70½	Fleming Nat Res	90½		0.3	
427½	350½	Fleming Oseas	425½	+ 1	1.4	
193½	148½	Fleming Smllr Co	193½	+ 1½	2.9	58.3
505½	371½	Fleming US Discy	504	- 1	0.2	
206½	168	Foreign & Col	208	+ ½	1.4	72.0
123½	97	F&C Inc Gwth	120	+ ¼	3.8	33.4
107	92½	F&C Emg Mkts	93			
278½	185	F&C Enterprise	278½	+ 1	1.8	60.3
522	361½	F&C Eurotst	520½	+ ½	0.6	
239½	150½	F&C Germany	238½	+ ½	0.3	
131	99½	F&C Pacific†	107½	+ 1	2.1	56.2
181½	144½	F&C PEP	181½	+ ½	3.2	39.2
219½	177	F&C Smaller	219½	+ 1	1.5	84.2
179½	144½	F&C US Smlr	177½	- 1		
64½	60½	Framlin Inc	63½		10.1	
170½	109½	Framlin Cap	169½	+ 3		
285	133½	Frml Dual Cp	282	+ 2		
61½	38½	Fulcrum Cap	61½	+ ¼		
22½	15½	Fulcrum Inc	16½		64.6	1.9
193½	188	Fulcrum Zero	193½			
332½	270½	Gartmore Brit	330		3.4	
347½	242½	Gartmore Euro	347		0.5	
155	110	Gartmore Shrd	154	+ ½	7.8	15.9
482½	345½	G'more Smlr Cos	482½	+ 3½	1.5	68.3
82½	52½	Gartmr Inc Ord†	82½	+ 2½	6.7	
58½	51½	Gartmr Inc Inct	56½		9.8	
103	58½	Gov Asn Sm Cos	86		0.8	
92½	70½	Gov Emg Mks	84½	- 1	0.6	
215	151½	Govett Am Smlr	211½	- ½		
97½	81½	Govett High Inc	85½		7.3	16.4
108½	80½	Govett Oriental	89½	+ 1	0.9	
481½	379½	Govett Strategict	481	+ 2	2.0	45.5
31½	19½	Gresham House	24½		1.3	1.4
146½	119	GT Inc Growth	143		3.0	
180½	136½	GT Japan	146	+ 4	0.3	
156½	114½	Guin Fl Ex Inc	154½	+ ½	6.7	
76	61	Henderson Am Cp	75	+ 1½		
120½	115½	Henderson Am Int	118½	+ ½	8.2	
43½	29	Henderson Am Wt	42½	+ 1½		
351	281½	Hend Elec Gen	351		1.4	
132½	101	Hend Far East	104½	+ 2	8.1	15.0
580	452	Hend Endrnt	570		1.7	71.5
172	151½	Hend High Inct	168		5.1	22.6
42½	30½	Hend Jap Smlr	36½			
289	219	Hend Smlr	288½	+ 1	1.7	68.5
620½	495	Hend Strata	613	+ 1½	0.1	
69½	51	Hend TR Pac	54	+ 1½	0.6	78.4
120½	88½	Hend Tech	119½	+ ½		
195	135½	Herald	185½	+ 2	0.5	
126	105½	High Income T	126	+ ½	6.7	15.8
171½	140	H Govett Smlr	171½		2.2	60.8
178½	139½	I&S UK Smlr	178½	+ 1	2.1	
213½	180	Inv Capt	205		3.6	30.9
97	64	Int Biotech	71	+ 2½		
20	4½	Int Biotec Wts	8			
59½	38	INVESCO Asia	45½	+ ½	1.8	55.8
217	175½	INVESCO Eng Int	217	+ 2	0.7	
36½	25½	INVESCO Jap Dis	30½	+ 1		
49½	30	INVESCO Korea	33½	- ½		
33½	23½	INVESCO Tokyo	25½	+ ½		
107½	83½	JF Fledg Jap	90½	+ ½		
204½	135	J Fry Euro U	198	+ ½	3.5	
118½	65½	J Fry Util	117½		6.0	13.9
88½	79½	J Fry Util Inc	87		8.2	62.1
150	121½	Jupiter Ex Inct	149	+ ½	6.6	18.9
43½	19½	Jupiter Ex Inc Wt	43½			
105	91	Jupiter Grd Cap	102		9.8	12.6
51	44	Jupiter Grd Pfd	51			
157½	135½	Jupiter Intl Gth	154½		3.3	
104	73½	Kleinwt E Mkt	95½			
177½	164½	Kleinwt End	176½	+ ½		
156	116	Kleinwt H Inc	152		9.5	15.4
232½	170½	Kleinwt Smlrt	232½	+ 3	1.4	
201½	69	Korea—Euro	146½	+ ½	0.8	67.4
132	113	Latin American	123	- ½		
1286½	1077½	Law Debenture	1282	- 2	2.8	35.6
120	111½	Life Oil Opp	112½			
158½	124½	Lloyds Sm Cap	158½			
22	16½	Lloyds Sm Dirt	17½			4.0
176	143	Lloyds Sm Pkgt	176		3.1	
211½	173½	Lon St Lawrnce†	211		3.8	32.7
414½	341½	Lowland	403½	+ 3	3.7	34.2
812½	797½	M&G 2nd Dual Cp#	800			
51½	50	M&G 2nd Dual In#	50			1.6
100½	79½	M&G Inc Geared	100		7.5	17.9
77½	54	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	77			
28½	22½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	23½			3.9
182½	150½	M&G Inc Package	182		4.1	32.6
80½	77½	M&G Inc Zero Div	80½			
69½	31	M&G Rec Cap	69½			
95½	53½	M&G Rec Geared	94½	+ ½	7.1	18.2
28	22½	M&G Rec Inc	24½		27.6	4.7
202	180	M&G Rec Packge	201½		3.3	38.7
113½	108½	M&G Rec Zero Div	113½			
217½	160½	M Currie Euro	216½	- ½	0.5	
84½	64½	M Currie Japan	69	+ 1½		
125½	100½	M Currie Pac	104½	+ ¼	2.3	
358	292½	Majedie	355½		2.4	54.0
432	355	Merchantst	427½		4.2	28.7
172½	132	Mercury Euro Pv	171½		2.6	
90½	50½	Mercury Eur Wt	90½	+ ½		
74½	57½	Mercury World	71½	- 1	1.4	78.2
811	677½	Monks Inv Tst	808½	- 2	1.5	65.5
202½	180	Morg Grenf Inc	201½	- ½	4.2	28.2
99½	88½	Morg Grenf Wts	99			
82	70	Morg Lain Amer	74½	- ¼	0.7	
32½	22½	Morg Wts	26½			
141½	110½	Murray Ent	140	- ½	2.8	47.6
29½	10	Murray Ent Wts	25			
71	53½	Murray Emg Eco	68		1.0	
11½	7½	Murray Em Ec Wt	8½			
534½	446	Murray Income	532	- 1½	3.4	38.1
500½	431½	Murray Intl†	497½	- 2	3.5	33.0
211½	205½	Murray S/C DP	211½			
305	270	Murray S/C Cap	302½	- 2½		
64½	58½	Murray S/C Inc	58½		27.7	4.4
5150	4350	Murray S/C Uts	5125		3.8	40.5
434½	340	Murray Small	424	- 2	1.8	54.6
408½	379½	Murray Ventr	384	+ 1½	4.9	22.2
289	271½	Natwest Em	288½	+ 2	2.2	44.5
5½	2½	Newmarket	2½			
56½	34½	Pacific Assets	43	+ ¼	1.2	
130	83	Perpetual Euro	130	+ ¼	0.4	
156½	125	Perp Inc Gth	145½		3.3	43.6
37	27½	Perpetual Jap	30½	+ ½		
404	322½	Perpl Uk Sm Co	404	+ ½	2.2	51.8
1200½	£168	Personal Assets†	£199½		1.5	
151½	130½	Prolific Inc	151		3.5	32.4
363	270	RIT Cap Ptn	362	+ 2	0.6	
553	518½	Robeco	552½	+ 1	2.0	
560½	524	Rolinco	560½	+ 1½	0.8	
59½	37½	Schrd Asia Pac	45½	+ ½	1.4	
73	58½	Schrod Emg Cnt	64½	- ½		
165½	142	Schrod Inc Gwth	161½	- ½	3.6	29.0
61½	48	Schrod Jap Gwth	51½	+ ¼		
262½	152	Schrod Korea	176½	- 15		
81½	43½	Schrod Split Cap	78½	+ ½		
135	114½	Schrod Split Inc	131½		8.3	15.5
160	154½	Schrod Split Zero	158½			
179½	142	Schrod UK Gwth	174½	- ½	2.5	47.2
188½	165½	Schrod Vent Inst	185	+ 1	1.2	
383	311	Scot	380½	- 1½	3.1	60.5
233	183½	Scot American	229½	- ½	3.0	39.7
144½	91½	Scot Asian	121½	+ 1		
138	110½	Scot Eastern†	136½	- 1	1.9	53.2
398½	318½	Scot Mtge	385		1.7	
104½	100½	Scot Natl Tst	104½		11.9	10.7
140½	119½	Scot Value	140	+ 2½	1.8	29.1
2702½	2168½	Second Alliance	2701	+ 5	2.5	50.5
133½	112½	Secs Tst of Scot	131	- ½	3.8	
194	149½	Shires Smlr	193		4.1	30.2
179½	133½	Smaller Cos	173	+ ½	2.4	61.5
395	353	St Andrew Inv	392	- 1	3.2	38.4
602	484	Temple Bar	576	- 2½	4.2	29.2
100½	82½	Throgmorton	100	+ ½	2.9	44.1
128½	102½	Tpllon Emg Mks	114½	- ¼	1.2	66.9
257½	167½	TR Euro Growth	257		0.4	
50½	44½	TR Property	49½		2.7	34.9
412½	374	TR Tech Inv#	400		11.9	32.0
364	273	Tudey Trest	360		1.2	
161	146½	Undervalued Ast	161	+ 2½	1.9	
187	152	Value Inc Tst	165		3.7	
137	102½	Value Real	137	+ ½	0.8	88.7
53½	40½	Warrants & Val	53½			
107½	87½	Wigmore	107		0.8	
385½	310½	Witan	380½	- ½	2.3	47.0
74½	68½	Yeoman Inc	70		4.0	4.5
252½	232½	Sinclair (Wm)	241½	- 1	4.7	11.7
80	63½	Southampton	71½		1.7	
134	91	Stakis	134	+ 1	2.3	20.4
285	250½	Stanley Leisure	285	+ 4	1.8	20.1
10	4	Tandon	9	- ½		
346	346	Tanganga#	346		1.4	
204	157	Thistle Hotelst	204	+ ½	2.6	16.7
76½	59½	Tottenham Hot	71	- 5	1.8	18.8
201½	135½	Vardon	183	- 2	1.6	22.1
395½	302½	Wembley	393½	- 2	1.0	9.8
162½	120	Zetters Gp	145	- 2½	9.1	8.4

(Second engineering-vehicles column, continued)

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
609	424	TI	597½	+ 2½	2.7	18.7
113½	89½	Tinsley (E)	112		6.9	10.3
87½	64½	Transtec	81½	- 1	4.2	11.3
277½	270	Triplex Lloyd	277½		3.2	18.8
417	347½	Ultra Elect	405		2.2	19.8
76½	55½	Utd Inds	72½		4.6	10.2
252½	198	Vickers	235½	- ½	3.8	14.6
10½	7½	Vitecs Grp	10½			
730	584	Vosper	727½	- 1½	2.4	13.6
840	740	Vosper Thorny	840	+ 10	4.0	12.9
377	280	Wagon Ind	370		4.1	16.4
314½	222½	Weir†	264½	- 4½	4.3	12.3
172½	137½	Wellington Hdgt	172½	+ 5	6.0	11.6
81½	55	Wescol†	80½	+ ½	2.5	17.8
840	750	Whatman	840	+ 14½	2.3	22.0
59½	42½	Widney	55½		7.9	17.4
110½	81½	Onel	97½	- ½	7.4	57.6
135½	117	Premium Trustt	134		3.6	27.8
1000	720	Prudential†	789	- 18½	2.4	18.6
20½	17½	PWS	30		4.7	4.4
825	590	Royal & Sun All	655	- 11	3.5	16.5
342½	167½	St James Place	342	+ 30	0.5	40.2
169½	132	Sedgwick	155½	+ 1	4.5	13.9
29	22½	Steel Bumtl	25	- ½	7.5	
645	434½	Sun Life & Pt	565	- 15½	2.6	27.5
143	110	Syndicate Cap	142½		8.1	11.2
625	521½	Utd Assurance†	584½	- 1½	4.5	13.7
192½	147½	Wellington	192½	+ 2	4.8	7.9
173½	128½	Willis Corroon	164	- 1	5.2	13.7
16	11½	Windsor	14½		5.2	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
29½	11	ABI Leis#	13½		15.1	
543½	405½	Airtours	538½	- 2½	1.5	27.1
33	23½	Ald Leist	33		3.9	10.4
21	18	Asses Leis	20			
155	115	BS Group†	144		4.3	
130	110	Baldwin	130		3.8	10.6
120	82	Bluebird Toys	115	+ 7	10.4	10.6
800	625	Boosey Hwks	637½		2.0	25.0
33½	27½	Burndene	31		8.3	7.9
159½	95	Capital Corpnt	108½		5.8	
94½	55	Clevden	88½	- 1	2.8	20.1
108½	70½	Chorions	87½			25.9
305	240½	EMIC	245½	- 6	0.2	
318	223	Eurocamp	306	- 5	5.1	12.9
104	87	Euro Disney	92½			
738½	120½	Euro Leisure†	138½		3.8	8.8
173½	100	First Choice	180½	- 5	2.2	55.8
392½	269½	First Leisure	385½	- 2½	2.9	32.0
158½	110½	Friendly Hotelst	158½		4.7	
1172	837	Granada	1080	+ 13	1.7	22.4
51½	36½	Hi-Tec Sports	49	- 1	5.1	9.4
289	207½	Holmes Place	280	- ½	1.3	33.6
282½	165½	Hornby	235		3.5	11.5
370	309	Hozelock	333½		4.2	17.7
183½	148	Jarvis Hotels	176½	+ 3½	3.2	11.3
551½	351½	Jurys Hotel	551½	+ 5½	1.5	26.4
35	24½	Konick	32	+ 1½	3.0	16.5
370	250	Ladbroke	342	+ 17½	2.6	25.0
339½	163½	London Clubs	206	- ½	5.0	14.8
242½	182½	Macdonalds Hts	239½		2.4	18.0
161½	123½	Man Utd	130½	- 2	1.5	20.9
58½	34½	Mandarin Ornet	43	+ ½	5.0	
813½	418½	Millennium & Cop	813½	+ 7	1.8	23.7
1½	½	Millwall Hldgs	1			
102½	77½	Newcastle Utd	88½		2.2	9.6
600	460½	Northern†	505	+ ½	2.0	30.9
74½	52½	Prism Leisure	70½	+ 6	12.1	4.8
27	19½	Queensborough	28		1.9	16.0
33	12½	Queens Moat	31½			8.9
421	283½	Rank Grp	374	- 7½	6.0	14.5
49	39½	Regal Hotel	44		3.6	
84½	50½	Ryan Hotels £1	80	+ 1	3.0	
1900	1175	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	1557½		1.7	25.5
51½	28	Sheffield United	30	- 2		

MEDIA

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
410	324	Abbott Mead†	410	+ 10	2.0	
179½	149½	Adscene	178½		6.0	18.7
95	84½	Aegis Gp	92½	- ¼	0.8	25.3
154	110	Aspen Grp	100		3.1	
196	152½	Atlantic Telecom	177½	- 2		
79½	50½	BBB Design#	79½			
225	185	Barbour Index	205	+ 1	6.2	23.5
3½	1½	Birdsdale	2½			
398	320	Black (A&C)	387½		4.6	15.1
370½	267½	Border TV	347½		2.5	26.7
470	418	Bristol	470		4.3	16.1
288½	129½	Britt Allcroft	278½	- 5	0.9	40.1
594	213	BSkyB	457½	+ 12	1.6	29.1
269½	183½	CIA Grp	258½	+ 8	1.3	27.7
747½	497	Capital Radio	669	+ 6½	2.5	20.8
561	408	Carlton Comm	515	- 1	3.0	14.8
304½	145	Character Grp	281½	+ 1½	2.0	18.7
745	602½	Chrysalis	745	+ 10	0.5	
90	77	City of Lon	90		8.6	11.7
137	88	Cordiant Comms	129½	+ 6	0.9	
183½	143½	Creative Pub	183½	+ 1	4.8	64.9
2525	2084½	Daily Mail	2525		1.1	29.5
2550	2000	Daily Mail 'A'	2550	+ 12½	1.1	29.8
206½	129½	Dialog	176½	+ ½		
264	203	Dorling Kindt	261½	+ ½	2.2	72.2
424	265½	Dudley Jenkins	424	+ 19	1.5	30.3
1285	805	EMAP	1242½	+ 3½	1.4	39.2
685	420	EMI	552	- 4	3.0	76.4
1117½	901½	Elsevier	924½	+ 11	2.8	71.1
2247½	1495	Euromoney Pb	2037½		3.1	22.4
67	50½	Flextt	66		1.3	11.7
555	468	Flextech	542½	- 5		
206½	117½	GGT Group	201		4.0	30.8
210	155½	GWR Gp	209	+ 11½	7.7	39.6
395	232½	Gearhouse Group	232½		3.9	11.7
55½	34½	Goodhead	32	- ½	7.2	17.4
525	290	HIT Entert	525		0.2	66.4
287½	262½	Haynes Pub	282½		5.0	11.8
13½	9½	Highbury Hse	13½	+ ½		
280	204	Hodder H'linet	275	- 3	3.3	17.5
580	400	Home Counst	560		1.3	34.9
530	365	IBC†	529		2.5	17.4
81½	70½	ITE Group	78			
28½	18½	Incepta	29		1.5	
397½	327½	Independent†	347½		2.3	24.3
54½	48½	Intl Public Rel	45½	+ ½	4.5	9.5
182	122	Isleworth	123½		4.8	9.0
235½	195½	Johnston Presst	227½	+ 1½	1.6	17.7
353½	328	LLP Group	337½	+ 4	1.7	27.5
48	30	Lopex†	45½	+ ½	2.7	9.8
485	305	Meident	482½		1.6	
38½	23½	Mediakey	29	- 1	5.2	10.8
1195	940	Metal Bulletin	1195	+ 15	2.4	30.1
213½	178	Mirror Grp†	197½	+ 3½	3.2	14.6
1190	713	More Grp	1112½	+ 6	1.8	23.5
435½	333	News Corp	383½	- ½	0.3	17.0
377	292½	News Corp Pref	338½	+ 1	0.9	
312½	252½	Newsquest	310	- ½	2.2	17.4
15½	11½	Osprey Comms	13			
1013	705	Pearson†	935	- 1½	2.6	26.8
55½	34½	Phonelink	37½			
852½	667½	Portsmth Sund	958		2.0	19.5
103½	51½	Quarto	95½	+ 1	5.9	13.0
730	518	Reed Int	569	+ 10	3.3	27.4
745	508½	Reuters	709	+ 28	2.3	36.5
185	100½	Saatchi	178	+ 1½	0.8	
748½	651	Scot Media†	731		3.8	16.2
499	375	Scot Radio	499	+ 10	2.5	18.0
13½	6½	Sleepy Kids	10		1.1	
550	448	Southnews	535		2.0	18.4
25½	17½	Sterling Pub	24	- ½		5.4
128	85½	Taylor Nelson	128	+ 5½	1.0	39.6
233	204	Television Cp	229		2.0	16.2
1820	1549½	Thomson Corp	1810½	- 13½	2.6	38.0
573	483½	Trinity	549	+ 3½	3.0	17.4
245	205	Ulster TV†	221		2.3	20.5
845	630	United Newst	835	- 2	2.9	18.2
115½	74	VCI†	75½		13.1	5.6
127½	75½	VTR†	123½		4.8	8.8
395	240	WPP	380½	- ½	0.6	24.1
184½	123½	Wilmington	182½	- 1	0.8	40.4

MINING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3305½	2290½	Ang Am Coal	3303½	+ 9½	5.1	7.6
3553½	1975	Ang Am	3218½	- 105½	2.6	
3269½	2068½	Ang Am Gold	3253½		4.3	
971½	643½	Anglo Am Plat	831½	- ½	3.2	22.4
3362½	2040½	Anglogold	3268½	- 68½	6.5	15.3
22½	14½	Anglo Pac Grp	15			
31½	22	Arcon Intl	29	- ½		
645½	411½	Ashanti	575	- 4½	2.1	18.8
69½	47	Aston	62	- ½	3.0	
112	47	AvocetA	60			
187½	137½	Billiton	168	- 6½	3.7	13.7
34	31½	Bioichi	32½		3.6	10.7
20½	15	Bougainville	18			
299½	217	Central Pacific	236½			
50	21½	Cons Murchison	39½	- 2½		1.2
1608½	1082½	De Beers	1434½	- 34½	4.0	8.3
422½	337½	Driefontein	395	- 2½	3.2	12.5
225½	88	Durban	182½	- ½		
91	57½	E Rand Gold	87½	- 2½	19.3	5.2
18½	10½	E Rand Prop	14½	- 1½		24.6
280	128½	Elandsrand	266½	- ½	6.6	15.2
273½	219½	Eng China Clt	234½	- ½	6.9	10.9
198½	92	Evander	144½	+ ½	10.8	
384½	92	FS Cons	365½	- ½	10.4	9.6
71½	17	FS Dev	38½			
1103½	734½	GFSA	959½	+ 3½	2.9	19.3
148½	89½	Gencor	126	+ ½	3.1	8.0
145½	98½	Gold Fields Prop	144½	+ 2½	5.4	15.4
23½	14½	Greenwich R 'A'	20½			
58	31½	Gwalia Cons	58½		1.4	10.2
359½	112½	Harmony	314½	+ 4		9.9
769½	443½	Impala Plat	725	+ 8½	2.3	14.3
13½	9½	Kenmare Res	10½			
33½	14	Kidston	27	+ 1½		
369	259½	Lonrho	321		7.4	14.7
11½	7	Meridiana	7½			
42	29	MIM	33½	- ½	2.9	
1175	900	Minorco†	1112½	+ 21½	3.5	
105	65	Monteagle	97		5.1	
73½	59	Normandy	59	+ ½	3.9	12.7
177½	152	North	152	- 2½	3.3	21.7
60	22½	Petaling Tin	32½	+ 3	1.5	
111	64½	RGC	73½		5.2	3.8
142½	80	RJBt	127½	+ 4	19.6	1.6
29½	24½	Rockwood	24½		18.6	
195½	77½	Randfontein	178	+ ½	3.4	18.2
121½	77½	Reunion Mng	88½	+ 6		
898	641	Rio Tinto	840½	- 18½	3.8	15.8
871	669½	Rio Tinto Ltd	797	- 17½	3.4	19.7
8½	4	St Barbara	5½	- ½		
191	128	St Helena	168½	+ ½	19.3	2.4
192½	138½	Sons Gwalia	181	- 2	5.5	13.1
130½	90½	Sthern Pacific	98½			
1328½	799½	Southvaal	1280½	+ 3½	9.2	10.9
226½	177½	WMC	194½	- 2½	2.4	24.8
27	12	Wankie Col Z	14½		4.9	
67½	40½	Water Hall	43½			
443	381½	Watts Blake†	395½		5.5	11.8
1753½	975	Western Deep	1687½	- 9½	4.8	
149	109½	Zambia Copper	138½	+ ½		

OIL & GAS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
212	155½	Abbot Group	202½		1.6	25.9
32½	19½	Alliance Res#	32½			
64½	54	Aminex	58			
77	59	Aus Oil & Gas	59	- 2½		
27½	9½	Aviva Pet	12			
430	298½	Br Borneo†	381	- 4	0.9	
343	385	BG†	335½	+ 11½	3.0	31.9
972	708½	Br Petroleum†	968½	+ 1½	2.9	24.9
1½	0½	Bula Resources	1			
1340	895	Burmah Castrl	1319	- 9	3.1	19.4
490½	298½	Cairn Energy	338½	- 4		81.2
119	88	Centrica	102	+ ½		
14½	10	Coplex Res	10			
22½	19½	Dana Pet	21½			
72½	50½	Dragon Oil	52	- 1		
28½	19	Edin Oil & Gs	20½		1.8	14.9
10	5½	Emerald Energy	7			
697	510	Enterprise†	597	+ 22	3.6	31.2
14½	10	Fortune	11½			
300½	235½	Hardy Oil†	273½	+ 15½	0.5	56.5
47½	32½	JKX Oil & Gas	38			
385	300½	KBC Adv Tech	378	+ 4	1.1	33.2
300	240	LASMO	291	+ 9½	0.8	78.1
42½	35½	Luorne Units	38		21.6	
83	58½	Monument▲	83½	+ 1½		22.7
3118½	2812½	Norsk Hydrot	2898½	- 59½	2.1	
133½	97	Oil Search	129	- 2½		
58½	39½	Pittenc	46½			
54½	37	Premier†	49	- 2	1.5	10.4
58	29½	Priderscoll Rs	34			
422½	331	Ranger	408½	- 9½	4.8	7.1
3616½	3031½	Royal Dtch Fl	3531½		2.7	28.2
5143½	3595½	Schlumberger	5021½	- 69½	0.9	
480½	365	Shell†	458½	- 5	3.1	25.8
370½	253½	SOCO Ind	280	+ 2½		
8187½	5843½	Total	8187½	+ 96½	1.7	
332½	242½	XCL	247½			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
134	87½	Aberdeen Asset	128½		3.6	38.7
775	467	AMVESCAP†	654	- 13½	1.1	30.0
210	120½	BWD	203½	+ 1	4.6	18.4
55½	42½	Berry Bch Mkt	49½	+ 2	7.6	12.3
294	240	Bolock Inv	255½	+ 1½		
369½	245½	Brewin Dolphin	352½		3.4	17.1
930	725	Cazenove	930	+ 2	2.6	24.8
4050	2800	Camellia	3850		1.1	16.3
683	388½	Cattles†	653½		1.9	32.7
57½	37½	Carisse	58½	- ½	2.2	18.5
795	535½	Close Bros	787½		2.1	22.9
608	433	EPM†	606½		5.2	14.6
32½	20	Exco	23		4.1	
42½	19½	Fishers Intl	40½	- ½	2.0	22.5
219½	197	Friends Ivory Sime	218		4.3	
409	332	Gerrard	403		5.0	18.1
297½	247½	Hambros	292½	+ 2½	3.2	28.1
1705	1425	Henderson	1625		3.6	22.4
256½	148½	Heacol Cred	245	- 4½	2.9	
185	145	Investment Co	182½		2.4	
177½	136½	Jardine Strat†	152½	+ ¼	5.8	
184½	111½	Johnson Fry†	155		3.2	
630	570	Leopold J	615		4.1	27.0
619½	462½	Liberty Intl	608½	+ 1	3.6	26.6
476½	343½	Lon Forfaiting	425		3.6	14.2
227½	169½	London Pacific	222	+ 3	8.0	7.8
160	110½	Lon Scot Bk	149		2.8	26.3
263½	232½	Man ED & F	237	- ½	5.8	9.5
1945	1467½	M & G	1890		2.8	27.9
250½	182½	Paragon	247½		1.4	10.5
4350	2682½	Perpetual	4035	+ 10	1.9	27.2
1096	785	Provident	968	+ 13	2.6	26.9
632½	400	Rathbone Bsl	630		2.8	25.3
69½	54½	Rea Brothers	66		1.9	13.2
64	49½	Rotland Tst	63½		3.3	14.4
107½	77	SEC Group	81	+ 3½	7.9	8.3
382	317½	S & U	357½		6.9	
2025	1153½	Schroders▼	1973	+ 28	1.0	33.9
1758½	1016½	Schroders N/V▼	1651	+ 41	1.2	28.3
775	610	Secure Tst	765	+ 2½	3.8	15.5
185½	136½	Singer & Fdt	173		3.9	12.6
62½	48½	Towry Law	60½			
5½	3½	Hio Hidgs	5	+ ¼		
81½	61½	Ucon	75			
51	46½	Versailles Grp	51		1.1	30.7
437½	397½	Winlrst	437½		4.1	17.7

PHARMACEUTICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	42	Brit Biotech	62½	- 3½		
750	600	Cantab Pharms	690			
385	272½	Celltech	375	- 3½		
350½	220	Chiroscience	321½	- 2		
201	85	Core Group	85			
205	156½	Cortecs	157½	- 6		
1983	1330	Glaxo Wellt	1707		2.3	37.1
135	75	ML Laboratories	85	+ 1		
185	140	Medevat	181	- 2	3.0	8.5
260	165	Oxford Molecular	204			
310	265	Peptide Thera	301	+ 1		
114½	47½	Phytopharm	97½	+ 8½		
513½	194½	Powderject	485			
89½	42	Proteus Intl	50			
72	59	Ransom (Wm)	66½	- 1	4.8	13.4
181½	124½	Quadrant Health	161	- ½		
394½	260	Scotia	347½	- 7½		
446½	285½	Shire Pharms	410	+ ½		
103½	47½	SkyePharma	93½	+ 8		
886	618	SmithKlinet	707	+ 3½	1.6	34.2
223	145	Therp Anti Inc	148½			
652½	422½	Vanguard	435	+ 2½		
182	45½	Vanguard Wts	79	- 1½		
245	145	Xenova	195	+ 14		
2850	2114	Zeneca	2507	- 53	1.9	32.8

PRINTING & PAPER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
94	82	AG Holdings†	84	- ½	9.3	12.4
645	520	API	642½		2.5	17.9
122½	89½	App Holo	122½	+ 3		
245	145½	Arjo Wiggins†	244½	+ 5½	3.3	13.1
468½	438½	Benvest	444½		4.6	
193½	144½	Blagden	177½	+ 5	2.1	
3571½	2578½	Bowater Inc	3471½	+ 9½		
313½	233½	Bunzl Inctt	313½		1.3	18.4
527	435	Br Polythene†	497½	- 16	5.1	
303½	219½	Bupal	295½	+ 1½	2.3	16.6
157½	118½	Capital Indst	157½	+ 14	4.8	16.2
261½	226½	Coopers (Jmes)	229		2.6	8.2
398	265½	De La Rue	295½	+ 3	10.1	7.7
274½	252½	Delphis Packt	264½	+ 4	3.9	12.4
105	70	Ferguson Intl	93½	- 11½	6.0	
197½	145½	Filofax	180½		2.7	12.6
80½	56½	Inveresk	77½	- 1	8.3	11.5
224½	185½	Jarvis Porter	223½		4.2	13.1
21	17½	LIBERtebrica	17½		3.8	7.5
393½	284	Low & Bonar	393½	+ 13	4.2	13.2
25½	18½	Lowe (Robert)	22½		2.2	8.2
80½	65½	MY Holdings†	80½	+ ½	4.3	10.8
177½	132½	Macfarlane†	173	+ 1	3.3	14.8
335	213½	Photobition	328½	+ 12	0.5	54.5
176	140½	Pysu	176		5.6	13.4
32	25	Portis Cradtrn	31	- ½	3.2	9.8
309½	229	REXAM†	300	+ 10½	6.4	12.2
532½	485½	St Ives Gpt	495½	- 6½	3.0	14.8
410	227½	Sappi	373½	- 14½	2.3	
68½	20	Security & General	51			
122½	82½	Sidlaw	117		2.7	13.3
248½	165½	Smith David	245½	- ½	4.1	15.3
240	156	Smurfit (Jeff)	228½	- 6	2.0	
168	105	Somic	113		3.5	12.4
146	133½	Tinsley Robor	144		2.6	16.0
43½	16	Wace	38	- ½		
285½	247½	Waddington	281	+ 5½	4.8	12.4
347½	268	Watmough	347		3.8	17.8
294½	223	Wyndeham	293½	+ 6	2.3	17.8

PROPERTY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
116½	91	Allied Lon	109	- ¼	4.7	7.6
195	155½	Asda	186	+ 1½	2.0	24.4
34½	28½	Ashquay Grp	34½			
172½	135½	Ashtenne Hldgst	171½		3.6	
278½	243½	Benchmark	287½		2.2	25.9
298½	253½	Bilport	289½	+ 1	5.1	18.7
177½	148	Bolby	177½		6.1	11.8
5½	3	Bolton Gp	3½			
64	53½	Bourne End	62	+ 1	2.4	
322½	276½	Bradford	291½	- 1½	3.8	20.4
825	645	Br Land	723	+ 2½	1.5	41.3
255	213	Brixton†	239	- 1	4.9	18.4
132	100	Burford	124	- 1	2.3	42.6
147	132	CLS Hldgst	142		5.1	17.0
318½	248½	Cap & Regnlt	279½	+ 1	1.6	27.3
460	407½	Cap Shop Ctrs	442½	+ ½	2.6	28.9
343½	263½	Cardiff Prop	343½		1.1	31.5
15	9½	Carlisle	14½			59.9
13½	8½	Cathay Intl	9½	- ¼		
418½	343½	Chelsfieldt	362½	- 4	1.1	42.6
687½	590	Chesterfield	642½		2.6	
37	23	Chesterton Int	29½	- ½		
53½	32½	City Site Ests	34½			27.5
107	80	Cleveland Tst	92½	- ½	8.2	11.5
99½	82½	CNC Proost	93½		4.4	9.7
244½	185½	Compco	243½		2.2	20.3
1690	1605	Daejan	1690		3.0	16.2
21	15	Davis Estates	15½			
136½	95½	Debenham Twsn	120	+ 1½	2.9	14.1
106½	89½	Delancey Ests	95	- 2½	2.0	18.4
227½	192½	Dencora	227½	+ ½	2.8	13.8
599	552½	Derwent Hldgst	581½	- 2½	1.4	40.2
355	293½	Development Sec	336½	- 3½	1.1	
242	172½	Edge Properties	242	+ 2		25.9
430	410	Estates Agency	425		5.4	19.3
85	75½	Estates Gen	79½		1.3	20.5
163½	138½	Evans Of Leeds	163½		2.7	19.1
42½	36½	Fletcher King	40		8.2	13.2
71½	61½	Folkes Group	71½		3.7	6.8
71½	57½	Folkes Group nv	71		3.8	6.8
540	461	Frogmore	519½	- 1½	4.9	13.6
19	14½	Golden Land Inv	15½			
370	322	Grainger	363		2.6	
296	237½	Gt Portland	266	- 5	4.2	29.2
198½	158	Granchester	187½	+ 1	0.9	54.6
228½	214½	Greycoat	224½		0.8	
147½	104½	Hambro Cntyw	130		2.9	8.4
537½	465½	Hammerson†	529½	- ½	2.8	31.2
33½	25½	Hampton Trust	29	- 1		
640	555	Helical Bar	640		2.0	17.6
50	45	Hemingway†	45		1.7	
130½	69½	HK Land†	82½	- 2½	8.0	
325	200	Jermyn▼	315		2.4	78.5
170½	94	LSH	170½		3.4	
113½	84½	Lands Imp†	108½		3.4	
1180	937½	Land Sec	1027	- 6	3.3	29.6
38½	31	Lon & Assoc	34½		3.3	14.0
137½	118½	Lon Merch Sec	137		4.5	12.6
650	508½	MEPC	585	- 5	3.6	26.6
119½	99½	MWB Group	114		4.1	
151	132	McKay Secs	151	+ 1	3.6	31.3
89½	65½	Markeale Mre	85		3.3	7.7
360	270	Milner Est	357½	+ 1½	2.4	17.1
242½	202½	Minerva	242½	+ 1	0.8	
35	25	Moorfield Est†	34		2.0	38.3
1900	1681½	Mountview	1700		3.1	11.9
169	159½	Mucklow (A&J)	161	+ 1	5.7	17.5
37	31	OEM	36½	+ ½		72.1
74½	52½	ORB	63½	+ 1		27.7
41½	31½	Olives Prop	41	- ½	1.9	25.2
705	635	Peel	705	+ 10	1.5	
329½	277	Pillar Prop	328		2.0	47.6
13½	7½	Prebus Estates	8½			
204½	180	Quintain	195½		2.2	32.8
29½	24	Raglan	26		5.8	18.3
35½	26	Regalian	30½		4.4	14.9
202½	157½	Rugby Est†	179½		1.6	
81½	67½	St Modwen Prp	78		4.8	9.5
73	50	Saville Grdn	71		5.3	26.9
143	111½	Savills	138		3.4	9.6
105	92	Scot Met	104½		3.8	18.4
242½	217	Shaftesbury	238½	- 4	1.2	55.6
414½	342½	Slough Estatest	381½	- 2½	2.7	25.6
287½	242½	Smart (J)	281½	+ 6½	4.4	18.5
107½	93	TBI	106	- ½	2.4	34.8
185½	178½	Tops Ests	194½		1.7	42.1
118	102	Town Centre	115		4.3	14.3
178½	149½	Trafford Parkt	178½	+ 4½	2.8	19.5
103½	87½	UK Land	100		3.8	13.6
278½	251½	Warner	271		8.0	19.8
260	256	Warnford	260		3.7	16.4
110½	94½	Wates▲	98½			44.5
450½	345½	Workspace Grp	442½		4.4	18.3

RETAILERS, FOOD

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227½	173	ASDA Group	188½	- 2	2.1	17.7
78	58	Budgens	78	+ ½	2.3	15.9
89½	65½	Dairy Farm Intl†	78½	+ ½	4.7	
212½	137	Fergal	178½		3.6	12.7
43½	35½	Flowlion	41½		5.9	
184	95	Fyffes	175	- 2½	1.2	20.5
2637½	1995	Greggst	2625		1.8	21.7
231	119	Iceland Groupt	226	- ½	3.0	15.3
427½	282	Kwik Save	405		8.2	14.6
282	227½	Morrison (Wt)	275½	- 1	1.0	22.1
89	38	Park Foods	84		5.8	18.6
402	330	Safeway	374	- 2	4.8	15.3
567	370	Sainsbury J	505	- 7	3.5	18.6
385½	207½	Somerfield	343½		3.9	11.8
280½	194½	T & S Stores†	279½		3.8	15.0
628	485	Tesco†	552½	+ 1½	2.6	28.5
293½	258½	Thorntons	274½		2.7	21.7
590	505	Watson& Philip	578½		4.1	16.1

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
309½	230½	Alexon	247½		4.3	10.2
266	192½	Allders	232½	+ 1	4.3	11.3
180	129½	Allied Carpets	138	- ½	7.1	10.6
508	361½	Arcadia Group	475	- 11½	2.8	16.8
683	350	Argos	648	+ ½	3.6	20.8
41½	18½	Ashley (Laura)	31½	- ½		
207½	164½	Austin Reed	207½	+ 3½	4.6	
169½	150½	Beale	167½	+ 7½	7.1	11.5
193½	157	Beattie (J)†	188½		6.5	12.2
156½	119½	Bentalls†	147½		3.3	7.4
498½	336½	Blacks Leis	400½		1.4	15.6
146	109	Body Shop	122½	- 1	5.9	10.1
990	602	Boots	932	+ 12	2.8	21.6
52½	30½	Brown & Jackson	48½	- 1		13.0
460	388	Brown (N)	381½	- 1	2.5	19.5
505	330	Carpetright	360	+ 9	7.3	11.9
324	227	Christies Intl	312½	- 3½	2.2	24.3
437½	398	Courts	419	+ 7½	5.1	11.8
139½	95½	Clinton Cardst	136½	+ 1½	2.7	14.2
272½	180½	Country Gdns	245		0.9	17.7
432½	332½	Courts Fresh	390		1.2	16.8
587½	257½	DFS Furniture	266½	- 2	6.3	10.6
433	339½	Debenhams	387½	- 5	1.3	16.6
628	459	Dixons Gp	593	+ 4	2.3	17.8
90½	45½	Elec Boutique	81½	+ ½		
4½	3	ERA Gp	4½			
70½	45½	Essex Fem	45½		10.2	
170	145	Falkland Isls	148½			16.2
208½	162½	Flam Art Dev	208		5.9	15.9
352	203½	Fred Eatbrt	337½		1.3	20.9
567½	445½	Flying Flw Uts	542½	- 17½	1.7	
137½	95½	Formmlert	132½		3.2	11.2
465	355	French Connt	430	- 7½	0.9	15.2
45½	34½	Gievest	38½		3.7	24.0
282½	217½	Goldsmiths Gp	274½	+ 4½	5.7	13.2
145½	125½	Grampian Hdg	145	- 3½	6.4	
915	700	GUS	871	- ½	2.7	22.7
297½	220½	Hamleys	295½	+ 2	4.8	13.0
116½	75	Hampden Grp	102½		3.5	8.9
343½	269½	Harveys Furn	308½	- 1	2.9	31.2
221½	144½	Hse of Frasert	175½	+ 1½	3.9	19.5
171½	117½	Hughes (TJ)	171		2.5	
823½	480	JJB Sports	529½	+ 1	1.5	20.4
1201	709½	Kingfishert	1077	- 3	2.7	19.6
355	250	Liberty	290		1.1	
44½	25½	Limelight	35	- ½		
141	79½	MFI	88½	+ ½	6.9	9.5
654	480	Marks Spencer	563½	- 4½	3.0	20.6
53½	35½	Merchant Retail	50½	- 1	0.9	36.2
291½	216½	Moss Bros†	263½	+ 1	2.8	16.9
860	476	Next	495½	- 7	4.6	12.8
33½	24½	Olives (G)	24½			
510	382½	Ottakars Intt	507		4.4	16.2
85	40½	Partners	40½	- 1	1.5	7.5
88½	79½	Partridge Fine	81½	- 1	7.7	7.1
29½	25½	QS Hldgs	28½			
320	270	Rosebyst	274	- 1	5.4	11.4
107½	85½	Savo Group	103½		8.9	
64	49	Sears	61½	+ ½	6.8	
46½	29	Signet Group	45½	- ½		10.0
587½	389½	Smith WH	581½	+ 1	3.4	
1300	1050	Sotheby	1290		1.9	
272	216	Storehouse	239½	- 1½	4.4	12.1
92	58	Stylo	64		9.8	
221½	140½	Tbmo	203	- 3½	8.2	11.2
127½	69½	Tie Rack	72½	+ 2	3.5	
3½	2½	Upton & South	2½			28.6
355½	261½	Wickest	345		0.7	57.1
373½	280½	Wyevale	340		2.5	21.8

SUPPORT SERVICES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
743½	535	AEA Tech	723	- 1	1.5	34.4
350	275	Amaros Recrut	345	- 5	0.5	23.7
305½	129½	Acorn	139½	- ½		
226½	152½	Aggekot	224	- 2½	2.1	30.0
109	68	Alpine Airpst	109	+ 11	6.1	
53	32½	Alphameric	41	+ 7		20.0
79	47	Amic Grp	78	+ ½		
533½	362½	Atkins WS	483½		1.9	28.5
214½	160	BNB Rest	196½	+ 1½	4.8	11.8
790	507½	BPP	725		2.8	25.6
783½	637½	BTG	655	- 8	0.2	
42	17½	Br Thornton	40½			
110½	79½	Brooks Servort	105½		4.7	11.4
957½	588½	Business Post	954	- 3½	1.5	41.0
2900	1517½	CMGt	2890	+ 10	0.3	74.9
469	335	CRT Gpt	435		1.2	60.5
972½	812½	Caird Gpt	895	+ 5	1.6	11.7
551½	311½	Capita Group	520½	- 15½	0.5	
12½	6½	Chemex	11½	- ½	2.2	14.3
257	212½	Corp Servicest	248	- 4	3.0	18.0
31½	21½	Coutts Cnstg	22½		0.6	
587½	317½	DCS Gpt	561	- 6½	0.5	37.6
352½	235	Danka Bs Sys	277½	- 15	1.4	13.6
447	302	Davis Servicet	443½	+ 14	3.2	24.3
839	670	Delphit	754	- 1½	1.2	28.5
1050	682½	Diagonal	1047½	- 2½	0.3	79.7
27½	19½	Eurocopy	25	+ 1	12.2	4.2
88	51½	EW Fact	85½	+ ½	2.9	15.8
75½	51	El Data Prc	73½		3.7	16.4
1502½	927½	FI Group	1355		0.6	75.2
508	408	Guardian IT	508	+ 24		
455	337	Harvey Nasht	430	- 5	1.4	32.3
1155	773	Hays†	1065	- 1	1.1	37.8
58	51½	High-PointRndl	55½			
319½	255½	Hogg Robinsn	318½		4.0	14.8
1257½	515	JBA Hldgst	737½		0.9	69.1
330	232½	Johnson Clean	329	- 1	4.8	12.6
69½	40½	Kalamazoo	54½		9.7	
885	570	Kewill Sys	865	- 2½	1.4	20.7
24½	13½	Laser-Scan	18½			
536½	317½	Lavendont	534	+ 11½	0.9	34.7
1877½	1147½	Logica	1825	- 35	0.7	52.4
808½	505	Lorien	768	+ 11	1.2	47.7
227½	120½	Lyex Group	220	+ 1	1.2	27.9
90	42½	MDIS	88			
1327½	790½	MMT Comp	1287½	- 20	1.2	33.8
147½	109½	MR Group	138½	+ 9½	3.6	18.3
555	320	Macro 4	497½	+ 2½	6.5	14.4
342½	142½	Marlborough Int	310	+ 10		56.2
83½	52½	Mentmore Abbey	77½	+ 2	1.0	23.2
721	470	Micro Focus	645	+ 70		40.6
127½	55	Microgen	124½		5.0	16.6
3250	1825	Misys	3080	- 180	0.5	51.5
300½	230½	MITIE Gp	288½		1.0	31.4
58½	51½	Nova Group	53½		3.7	12.1
55½	41½	Oakes	50½		3.3	13.5
780	580	PSD	747½		1.4	28.9
838½	635	Parity†	821½	+ 36½	0.8	39.3
387½	240	Pagesett	380		2.6	12.4
242½	145	Penna	217½		1.3	11.1
282½	151	Photo-Me	279	- ½	2.5	26.9
54½	35	Proudfoot	54		1.2	12.8
247½	165	RCO	220½	+ 8	9.1	28.5
332	218½	RPS Group	331	+ 1	1.8	27.3
75½	25½	Radust	50	+ 1½	2.8	17.0
560	317½	Real Time	540	+ 18½	1.4	18.6
115½	79	Robus	111½		2.1	24.4
193	119½	Reed Executivet	157		2.4	8.4
198	162	Reliance Sec	187½		4.6	16.6
418	265	Rentokil Il	389	+ 14	1.0	38.6
210½	152½	Ricardo Group	210		3.9	28.4
576	455	Robert Walters	488½		1.0	22.5
510	275	Rolfe & Nolan	392½			65.7
382½	297½	Royalblue	380		0.8	48.5
1432½	825	Sage Gp	1400	+ 12½	0.3	55.2
157	74	Sanderson	149	- ½	4.4	13.4
910	551	Select App	892½	- 2½	0.5	38.3
2405	1475	Serco Gp	2337½	+ 15	0.4	58.6
1310	888	Serco Gp	1271	+ 11½	0.6	53.2
185½	154½	Shanks & McEwan	180	+ 6	2.6	24.0
915	520	Sherwd Ind	905	+ 12½	0.7	38.1
74	54	Simon Gpt	67½		1.2	17.9
61	37½	Sketchley	50	+ ½		
287½	181½	Skillsgroup	283½		1.9	38.0
125	103	Stat-Plust	117		12.1	11.6
194	92	Superscape VR	186	- ½		
117½	85	Tops	116	+ 7½	2.5	19.4
3300	2250	Tyco Intl	3058		0.2	
126½	86½	WSP Group	115	+ ½	3.0	16.0
225	200	Waste Hmd	200	- 2	6.8	9.1
237	176	Waste Mgt Intl	237			58.0
482½	332½	Waste Recyc	461½	+ 3	0.7	42.5
248½	198	Whitehead Mann	248½	+ 2½	2.3	20.5
99½	82½	White Young Grn	85		5.1	13.1
500	304	Williamst	441½	- 1½	3.6	22.7

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
718½	411½	BT	649½	- ½	3.7	18.8
1940	614½	COLT Telecom	1940	+ 257½		
765	467½	Cable Wireless	674½	- 5	1.8	47.9
461	264½	Cable&Wire Comr	442½	+ 1		
755	252½	Energis	700	+ 16½		
318	250	Euro Telecom	316½		1.0	26.6
197½	77½	General Cable	194	- 3		
137½	58½	Ionica Group	85			
459½	239½	Orange	440	- 4		
430½	286½	Securicor	430½	+ 2½	0.5	55.9
115½	69½	TeleWest	110½	- 1½		
692	298	Vodafone	665	- 11	1.0	54.7

TRANSPORT

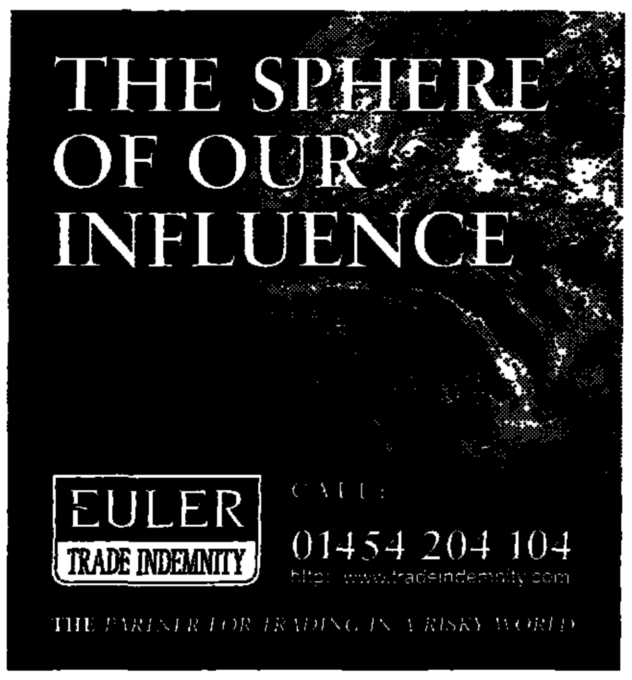
1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
440	219	Air London†	440	+ 40	2.0	24.8
357	219	All Nippon Air	231	- 1½	0.6	
518	344½	Arriva	446	- 5½	3.8	12.7
388	282½	Assoc Br Ports	367½	- 4	3.1	18.0
372	284½	Autologic	364		2.8	
257½	186½	Avis Europe†	257½	+ 2½	1.5	25.8
645	402½	BAA	640	+ 12½	2.5	18.6
674	488	Br Airways	659½	+ 3	2.9	33.0
117½	90½	Clarkson (H)	117½	+ 12	4.3	13.0
182½	135½	Clydeport Opst	182½	+ 7	3.8	
499	317½	Dart	405½	+ 7	2.1	19.9
67½	43½	Eurotunnel Uts	57½	- ½		
422½	221½	FirstGroup	414	- ½	1.8	28.5
140	125	Fisher (James)	127		3.1	9.7
692	580	Forth Portst	687		2.6	18.8
92½	60	Frontline	87½			
695	510	Go-Ahead	691½	- 3½	1.6	16.5
601½	480	Goode Durrant	575	- 2½	2.3	17.0
472½	305½	Helphire Gp	469	+ 21	0.2	57.7
1135	740	Irish Cont	1135		0.5	24.2
94½	74½	Jacobst	94		3.0	40.9
642½	490	Mersey Docks	602½	- 6½	3.0	23.1
202½	138½	NFC	202	+ 5	3.5	21.2
1055½	676	Natl Express	1042½	- 5	1.6	23.5
817½	582½	Ocean Group†	790	+ ½	2.3	24.3
121½	92½	Ocean Wilson	120½		4.7	
933½	650	P & O Dfd†	883	- 1	4.3	30.0
118½	107½	P & O 5.5%	112½		6.1	
1170	571½	Railtrack	1170	+ 39½	2.4	22.2
130	98	Salvesen (C)	129	- ½	5.6	18.5
47½	36	Sexton	45½	+ ½	3.4	34.5
296½	244	Seascope Shpt	274	+ 11½	5.7	
311½	180	Servicalt	282½		2.3	22.8
1269½	785	Stagecoach	1205	- 28½	1.0	27.5
626	547½	Tibbet & Brittt	592½		3.7	15.5
315½	251	TDG†	315½	+ ½	8.7	20.5
116½	78½	Ugland	105		6.1	
72½	38½	Utd Carrierst	46½		9.4	

WATER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
987	780	Anglian	860	+ 10	5.2	11.8
335	285	East Surrey	295		4.7	11.9
1053½	907	Hyder	951½	+ 1	6.0	8.0
125	115½	Hyder Cap Pf	123		8.0	
770	660	Mid Kent Hdgs	760		5.1	11.3
1085	665	Severn Trent	934	+ 9	5.0	10.3
3635	3265	South Staffs	3590		3.3	14.8
1005	864½	South West	938	- 1	5.1	11.8
1043	800	Thames	955	+ 28	4.7	10.7
950	658	Utd Utilities	815	+ 6	5.9	13.2
550	459	Wessex	474½	+ 3½	5.8	9.2
550	446	Yorkshire	464½	+ 5½	5.3	9.1

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
225	193	Cafe Inns	219		1.7	16.6
28	14½	Chorion†	24½	- ½		
222½	133	Dawson Hldgs	178½	+ 1½	3.4	15.8
38½	29	Freepages	35½			
65½	50½	Megalomedia	51		0.5	21.0
32½	21½	Memory Corp▲	30½			
480	344	Prism Rail	410	+ 2½	2.7	
847½	620	Ramco Eng	672½	+ 7½		
830	740	Southern News	830		3.2	16.2
94½	84½	Southern Vectis	87½		3.0	13.6



BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100⅛	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.25	7.85
102⅝	100⅜	Treas 14% 1998-01	100½	+ ⅛	13.93	6.94
105⅞	103	Treas 15½% 1998	103	- ⅛	15.05	7.05
104⅛	102⅞	Exch 12% 1998	102⅞ †	- ⅛	11.71	7.13
102⅛	101⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	101⅝	- ⅛	9.35	6.95
105⅛	104⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	104⅛	- ⅛	11.73	6.87
104⅝	103⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	103⅛ †	- ⅛	10.14	6.86
99⅞	98⅞	Treas 6% 1999	98⅞	- ⅛	6.05	6.76
106⅛	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	105	- ⅛	9.76	6.74
105⅛	103⅛	Conv 9% 2000	103⅞	- ⅛	8.66	6.64
104⅛	103⅛	Treas 8% 2000	103⅛	- ⅛	7.72	6.41
103⅛	102⅛	Treas 8% 2000	102⅞	- ⅛	8.26	6.69
114⅛	112⅛	Treas 13% 2000	112⅞	- ⅛	11.53	6.62
109⅛	108⅛	Treas 10% 2001	108⅛	- ⅛	9.19	6.49
102⅛	101⅛	Treas 7% 2001	102⅛	- ⅛	6.86	6.31

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103⅛	101⅛	Treas 7% 2002	102⅞	- ⅛	6.81	6.20
113⅛	112⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	113	- ⅛	8.63	6.24
109	106⅞	Treas 8% 2003	108⅛	- ⅛	7.40	6.13
118⅛	116⅞	Treas 10% 2003	117⅛	- ⅛	8.54	6.16
114⅛	112⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅛	- ⅛	10.20	6.58
93⅛	90⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	92⅛	- ⅛	3.78	4.92
119⅛	116⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	118	- ⅛	8.05	6.07
105	101⅞	Treas 6¾% 2004	103⅞	- ⅛	6.49	6.00
115⅛	113⅛	Treas 8½% 2005	114⅞	- ⅛	7.39	6.00
120⅛	117⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	119⅛	- ⅛	7.97	6.06
130⅛	128⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129⅛	- ⅛	9.66	6.12
111⅛	107⅛	Treas 7¾% 2006	110⅛	- ⅛	6.81	5.97
112⅛	108⅛	Treas 7¾% 2006	111⅛	- ⅛	6.87	6.00
107⅛	105⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	106⅛	- ⅛	7.51	6.28
123⅛	121⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122⅛	- ⅛	9.62	6.22
119⅛	115	Treas 8½% 2007	117⅛	- ⅛	7.23	5.97
111	108⅛	Treas 7¼% 2007	108⅛	- ⅛	6.61	5.92
125⅛	121⅛	Treas 9% 2008	122⅛	- ⅛	7.28	5.92
118⅛	113⅛	Treas 8% 2009	117	- ⅛	6.84	5.81
104⅛	99⅛	Treas 6¼% 2010	102⅛	- ⅛	6.07	5.91
129⅛	124⅛	Conv 9% 2011	127⅛	- ⅛	7.05	5.93
131⅛	125⅛	Treas 9% 2012	129⅛	- ⅛	6.98	5.94
98⅛	93⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	97⅛	- ⅛	5.68	5.79
118⅛	112⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	116⅛	- ⅛	6.66	5.99

LONGS (over 15 years)

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
122⅛	116⅛	Treas 8% 2013	120⅛	- ⅛	6.64	5.85
125⅛	118⅛	Treas 8% 2015	122⅛	- ⅛	6.51	5.86
135⅛	127⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	132⅛	- ⅛	6.60	5.90
129⅛	121⅛	Tr 8% 2021	126⅛	- ⅛	6.30	5.85

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1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
60⅛	55⅛	War Ln 3½%	59⅛	- ⅛	5.92	
42⅛	36½	Treas 2½%	40⅛	- ⅛	6.11	
67⅛	61⅛	Consols 4%	64⅛	+ ⅛	6.21	

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1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	5%	3%
198⅛	194⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2001	198⅛		2.84	3.18
195⅛	192⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2003	195⅛ †	- ⅛	2.80	3.10
126⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 4¾% 2004	126⅛	- ⅛	2.76	2.94
212⅛	208⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	212⅛	- ⅛	2.81	2.94
193⅛	187⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2009	193⅛ †	+ ⅛	2.82	2.92
203	195⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	202⅛	+ ⅛	2.82	2.92
169⅛	162⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	169⅛	+ ⅛	2.81	2.89
184⅛	179⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	183⅛	+ ⅛	2.79	2.86
179⅛	170⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	179⅛	+ ⅛	2.81	2.87
152⅛	142⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	151⅛	+ ⅛	2.73	2.84
149⅛	140⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	149⅛	+ ⅛	2.76	2.81

Source: FT Information

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The Good University Guide

Day Five of the series: **John O'Leary** on the changes in ratings that may surprise the academic world

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The Great Court of Trinity at Cambridge University, which heads the table for five of the eight indicators, including teaching and research ratings

Cambridge widens the gap at the top

The university league table for 1998 shows the most significant change since it was first published five years ago. Not at the top, where Cambridge continues to reign supreme, but in the highly sensitive area where the new and old universities meet.

Critics have often dismissed the ranking as a statement of the obvious or a self-fulfilling prophecy. It was said that its parameters ensured that the new universities would be at a permanent disadvantage.

Today's table suggests that such a view was unnecessarily pessimistic. The former polytechnics still dominate the bottom half of the ranking, but for the first time one has made significant inroads into the longer-established institutions' territory. Oxford Brookes may be only 51st in this year's table, but a good record in teaching assessments, generous spending on student facilities and conspicuous success in the graduate jobs market have placed it above four traditional universities. After three years as the top new university, there is every reason to suppose that that it can continue to progress up the ranking.

Twenty years ago, few experts would have expected 1960s campus universities such as Warwick and York to outstrip the civic universities in academic comparisons. Yet their regular appearance in *The Times* top ten no longer attracts comment.

The new universities have enjoyed their new status for only six years. Challenging those at the top of the table is a different matter. Cambridge's lead over Oxford has lengthened in the past year, and both universities have had their quality confirmed in European rankings. Cambridge heads the table for five of the eight indicators, including the teaching and research ratings, which carry the heaviest weightings.

For the first time, Oxford heads none of the eight, although its six second places keep the university just ahead of Imperial College London.

Imperial has benefited particularly from the introduction of a new indicator covering expenditure on student facilities. While Imperial tops this element of the table, both Oxford and Cambridge suffer because their colleges, rather than the universities themselves, provide many of the social and recreational facilities used by students.

The new indicator has replaced the accommodation ranking, which was seen as irrelevant to some universities in the table and subject to inconsistencies of reporting. Though the availability of residential places is of prime importance to those leaving home to study, a growing proportion of students is home-based. The change has had wider repercussions in Scotland, where it was partly responsible for St Andrews, which headed the accommodation table, losing the leading position it established last year. Edinburgh, in seventh place, is now the best-placed Scottish university.

Cardiff remains the leader in Wales, and Queen's University, Belfast, the same for Northern Ireland.

The libraries indicator, too, has changed. In recognition of universities' growing use of new technology for teaching and information retrieval, spending on computing has been added to that for books and journals. In previous years, Oxford has always topped this element of the table, partly because the Bodleian Library's status as copyright library involves automatic high spending. The switch has seen the London School of Economics take over the leadership.

Elsewhere, Cambridge is headed only on staffing levels, where University College London takes over from Imperial at the top. This success enables UCL to move back into the top five after an absence of three years. With three of the top five places, London University has its best ever representation at the top of the table.

□ All the indicators have been reviewed since last year, in consultation with academics and national agencies, and further changes will be made when suitable data is available. It has so far proved impossible to establish a consensus on the calculation of "value added" or to revive the use of completion rates. Both will be included in the table as soon as the technical problems can be overcome.

As in previous years, some famous names in higher education are absent from the ranking, which focuses on multi-faculty institutions primarily serving undergraduates. The Open University, for example, has no full-time students; Cranfield University and the London Business School are mainly postgraduate. Buckingham University, as a private institution, is not subject to the funding councils' assessments.

Like the rest of the material published this week, the table will remain available in the Internet edition of *The Times*. The Web address is

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● *Owing to a transcription error, three colleges were missing from yesterday's table of Cambridge University colleges. Sidney Sussex was fourth (11th last year), Peterhouse 19th (tenth last year) and Jesus College 20th (18th last year).*

THE TIMES 1998 LEAGUE TABLE HOW THE UNIVERSITIES SCORED

		Teaching assessments (2.5)	Research (3.5)	Entry standards (1)	Staff-student ratios (1)	Library and computer spending (1)	Facilities spending (1)	First and 2:1s (1)	Graduate destinations (1)	1998 score MAX: 1000
	(Weight)	100	100	100	82	88	69	100	100	936
1	Cambridge	94	96	99	75	99	66	93	99	919
2	Oxford	96	85	92	93	86	100	74	94	907
3	Imperial	92	96	92	80	100	82	75	86	890
4	LSE	92	84	81	100	83	73	77	88	858
5	UCL	98	85	81	62	75	72	78	99	849
6	Warwick	88	79	88	80	77	81	88	89	832
7	Edinburgh	84	72	87	70	70	92	86	99	821
8	Bristol	99	79	81	59	70	80	74	96	818
9	York	91	72	83	59	70	75	92	98	810
10	St Andrews	84	69	88	66	72	73	82	99	794
11	Nottingham	90	70	80	64	65	77	73	87	776
12	Sheffield	86	72	88	56	69	71	74	92	775
13	Durham	84	69	82	62	67	76	78	98	774
14	Birmingham	73	78	79	56	82	84	79	94	772
15	Bath	85	79	73	50	72	80	75	90	770
16	Lancaster	80	74	80	63	78	70	71	91	765
17	Manchester	80	69	77	82	78	67	70	87	755
18	King's College London	81	64	74	76	77	74	72	92	764
19	Newcastle	87	58	85	56	69	72	81	89	756
20	Glasgow	77	68	74	63	74	75	69	93	743
21	Southampton	77	70	80	55	71	73	75	79	731
22	Leeds	75	66	72	63	70	73	71	96	731
23	Leicester	82	76	61	53	68	82	67	80	728
24	Essex	68	76	73	67	67	78	63	96	727
25	UMIST	81	63	70	45	64	76	78	97	726
26	Loughborough	89	60	63	66	69	70	61	81	722
27	Queen Mary and Westfield	76	67	68	62	68	74	72	90	720
28	Reading	71	69	74	54	68	80	74	88	718
29	East Anglia	75	68	70	48	66	75	74	94	717
30	Royal Holloway	83	56	70	58	69	62	68	87	716
31	Hull	78	61	72	61	68	73	65	89	713
32	Liverpool	84	61	62	48	65	72	75	91	712
33	Aberdeen	75	71	75	45	64	72	70	90	710
34	Cardiff	69	74	68	55	72	70	70	91	709
35	Sussex	85	56	67	47	70	76	74	78	707
36	Stirling	77	58	75	54	67	68	73	91	707
37	Exeter	78	55	57	60	67	77	72	94	705
38	Dundee	65	61	65	57	69	77	72	100	704
39	Surrey	69	61	70	69	63	69	77	91	704
40	Keele	75	52	76	49	70	75	72	92	701
41	Queen's Belfast	86	53	54	58	63	71	66	96	691
42	Strathclyde	75	53	68	60	66	72	65	92	688
43	Swansea	71	39	65	61	73	81	59	88	683
44	City	76	52	48	54	71	61	67	81	681
45	Heriot-Watt	76	46	53	69	74	73	59	69	677
46	Bangor	71	52	76	35	67	73	76	94	675
47	Aston	71	55	62	42	68	73	73	90	668
48	Aberystwyth	68	58	65	50	69	68	65	92	664
49	Kent	76	51	58	39	64	64	57	86	630
50	Brunel	57	64	57	53	66	68	66	83	623
51	Goldsmiths'	77	22	48	54	63	77	66	93	622
52	Oxford Brookes	54	62	60	43	66	79	57	88	622
53	Bradford	69	36	65	45	67	57	70	84	615
54	Ulster	83	52	49	46	65	65	57	65	592
55	Lampeter	60	51	56	42	64	66	59	83	596
56	Salford	70	15	55	48	65	75	56	93	592
57	Sheffield Hallam	71	14	53	48	65	64	60	99	589
58	Robert Gordon	85	13	48	44	59	66	56	83	586
59	West of England, Bristol	82	11	43	54	64	58	57	88	584
60	Northumbria	67	21	36	48	66	69	63	91	572
61	Brighton	58	22	45	63	70	68	57	89	570
62	De Montfort	66	22	46	50	61	74	58	85	570
63	Portsmouth	68	8	43	60	63	70	60	89	568
64	Napier	76	13	42	38	63	65	56	90	564
65	Coventry	70	8	42	48	61	68	69	85	561
66	Anglia	73	13	42	42	63	67	58	85	557
67	Kingston	68	22	48	43	60	60	62	81	556
68	Plymouth	70	8	43	48	65	70	60	83	556
69	Glamorgan	60	15	42	51	71	69	65	84	555
70	Westminster	71	13	49	47	58	57	60	81	549
71	Glasgow Caledonian	70	13	40	43	68	71	50	80	546
72	Greenwich	56	16	51	44	62	71	65	64	541
73	Nottingham Trent	70	16	40	43	62	59	54	80	536
74	Manchester Metropolitan	57	4	34	74	68	76	53	83	536
75	Thames Valley	64	11	47	46	58	66	49	88	531
76	Central England	57	16	47	49	63	62	54	87	530
77	Liverpool John Moores	71	7	37	46	67	56	58	74	526
78	Paisley	67	11	32	42	69	59	53	86	525
79	Abertay	59	9	42	55	64	67	53	82	524
80	Teesside	63	11	39	55	66	72	49	68	524
81	South Bank	58	18	42	31	64	65	61	88	523
82	Middlesex	49	18	42	54	66	69	60	81	522
83	Huddersfield	57	9	51	45	61	63	56	87	521
84	Leeds Metropolitan	68	9	47	40	63	59	60	67	521
85	Central Lancashire	50	14	44	45	66	65	56	91	512
86	Hertfordshire	64	16	29	34	65	69	53	75	509
87	North London	61	13	46	39	59	63	49	78	508
88	Staffordshire	60	12	42	36	68	64	47	88	507
89	London Guildhall	62	8	41	36	58	72	55	78	506
90	Wolverhampton	58	9	45	38	61	63	55	77	497
91	Derby	58	16	39	38	65	66	51	64	491
92	East London	57	13	40	28	58	67	52	82	489
93	Sunderland	65	8	36	34	61	59	33	85	481
94	Luton	52	8	39	30	62	57	55	86	472
95	Lincolnshire and Humberside	32	6	52	40	65	64	55	66	449
96	Bournemouth									

John O'Leary reports on the expert approach

The story behind the rankings

OUR RANKING of universities is produced entirely from published statistics. Positions in the table are determined by a "poll of polls", in which results from the eight indicators are converted into a points score and aggregated.

The Higher Education Statistics Agency provided data on entry qualifications, staffing levels, library and computer spending, degree classifications, graduate destinations, entry grades and student facilities. These figures relate to 1995-96, the latest available when the book of *The Times Good University Guide* went to press.

The other sources of information are the three higher education funding councils, for the teaching and research assessments. None of the organisations was involved in aggregating or manipulating the data, and they are not responsible for any inferences or conclusions drawn from the statistics.

A team of three university experts — Dr Bernard Kingston (careers), Dr Andrew Hindmarsh (admissions) and Professor Bob Loynes (statistics) — compiled the ranking. The top university for each indicator is awarded 100 points, with the remainder receiving a proportion based on the unadjusted scores.

Scores for teaching and research have been weighted to reflect their importance in undergraduate education. The figures above are multiplied by 2.5 and those for research by 1.5. The teaching scores represent an average of the grades awarded by assessors for the separate funding councils for England, Scotland and Wales by the end of 1997; those for research an average of the grades awarded in the 1996 Research Assessment Exercise.

The three councils have different methods of grading teaching. In this table, English departments awarded 22 points or more were regarded as "excellent", and 20 points was the equivalent of Scotland's "highly satisfactory".

The entry grades used are the median for a range of mainstream subjects. Staff/student ratios cover all higher education students, except those on franchised courses, and all academic staff except those employed solely as researchers. The indicator of degree classifications shows firsts and upper-seconds as a proportion of honours degree students. Graduate destinations cover those going on to further training or postgraduate courses, as well as those entering employment.

Two of the indicators have changed this year. Expenditure per student on computing has been added to library spending to reflect the growing importance of new technology in the learning resources available in universities. And spending on staff and student facilities has replaced the accommodation indicator.

The areas covered include social and recreational facilities, as well as student health, careers and accommodation services.



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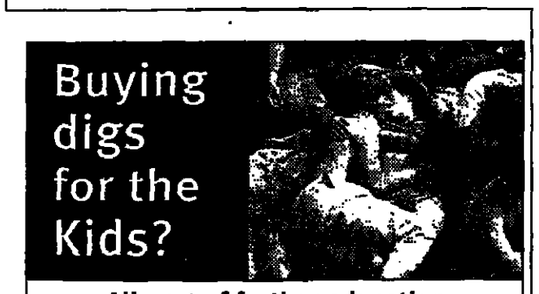
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The Good University Guide

David Charter explains how a new university is winning a growing reputation as it blazes a trail for others to follow



ASHLEY COOMBES

Students relax in the cafeteria of Oxford Brookes, *the 11,400-student former poltechnic which is steadily climbing up the table*

The triumph of a former polytechnic

Oxford Brookes today becomes the first former polytechnic to climb above any of the traditional universities in *The Times* table. High grades in the assessment of teaching and rising levels of graduate employment helped the 11,400-student institution to a better placing than Bradford, Ulster, Lampeter and Salford.

The old universities' traditional strength in research has previously guaranteed them a higher position in the table than the teaching-orientated former polys. Research is assessed once every four years and while the top score for new universities will remain 22 (at De Montfort, Oxford Brookes, Plymouth, Portsmouth) until 2000, they are surging ahead in other areas.

This is clearly demonstrated by the University of the West of England's grading of 85 for teaching, which outscores its neighbour Bristol (84) and puts it joint 15th in the country, with Lancaster and Stirling.

Sheffield Hallam also continues its rise, outscoring Salford in five of the eight indicators. Sheffield Hallam's spending on facilities matches that of St Andrews, Southampton and Queen's Belfast, and is better than both Oxford and Cambridge. In 30 years' time, it may surprise students to learn that these institutions received their university status in 1992, just as today it seems strange that high-flying Warwick and York received their royal charters only in 1964 and 1962 respectively.

Oxford Brookes, under the vice-chancellorship of Graham Upton, recently recruited from Birmingham University, has one simple aim: having proved it is the best of the new, it wants to be simply one of the best. It shares 51st place in the main table with Goldsmiths' College, London.

For undergraduate teaching, its departments have been awarded 22 out of 24 points in French and modern languages, and 21 in media studies and sociology. Under the old system before points were allocated, it received excellent gradings in anthropology, English, geography and law.

The latest gradings for teaching quality, some of which came too late for inclusion in this table, suggest that the university will continue its upward trend. History of art was awarded 23 and town planning a perfect 24.

Peter Fidler, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Town Planning, said the university was continually working to improve its teaching. Oxford Brookes, a pioneer of modular degrees, allows students to construct a joint or single honours path while keeping a clear record of achievement for employers.

Professor Fidler added: "We have a long track record from our polytechnic days for innovation to support teaching and also guidance for students through to employability. All the research that we do is applied to teaching so that we teach what employers want."

One example is the university's links with the motor sports industry. While other universities are struggling to keep up recruitment to engineering programmes, Oxford Brookes's course has four applicants chasing every place.

Professor Fidler said: "Oxford is at the heart of this world industry and we work closely with partners such as TVR, Reynard Racing and Pro Drive to make the course relevant and bring in sponsorships."

The signs of its growing reputation are manifest. Oxford Brookes is the most popular new university with students from independent schools. Within the past fortnight, a leading City bank made it one of ten ports of call on its recruitment "milk round".

The former polytechnic has also forged links with the city's ancient university, for example in the jointly owned Oxford Institute of Legal Practice for trainee solicitors.

Professor Fidler added: "Undergraduates are attracted to Oxford because it is a student-based city. We intend to develop what we do to build on our distinctive appeal to students from all over the country and overseas."

TOP TEN NEW UNIVERSITIES

1998	1997		1998	1997	
1	(1)	Oxford Brookes	6	(10)	Brighton
2	(5)	Sheffield Hallam	7=	(19)	De Montfort
3	(3)	Robert Gordon	7=	(6)	Portsmouth
4	(4)	West of England	9	(18)	Napier
5	(2)	Northumbria	10	(11)	Coventry

Women progress, but not far enough

This year's highest-ever number of female university students has not met the enthusiastic response that might be expected from campaigners for equal opportunities. The proportion of female students rose from 52 to 53 per cent this year, including 52 per cent of undergraduates starting full-time degree courses. But the number of female students receiving first-class degrees continued to be lower than men last year. While 7.8 per cent of men were awarded firsts, the highest accolade went to just 6.5 per cent of women graduating last summer.

A survey published today shows that few women reach the top of the academic tree: only 8.5 per cent of professorial appointments are held by women. The latest official figures showed that seven universities had no female professors, and 13 per cent of senior academic staff and two thirds of the main lecturer grades were occupied by men.

The Association of University Teachers (AUT), which conducted the survey, accused some universities of thwarting women's chances. Its analysis was based on figures from the Higher Education Statistics Agency for the 1995-96 academic year.

David Triesman, the general secretary of the AUT, said that students should take account of female-male staff ratios when seeking a university. He added: "I think it should be a consideration. When I look at even some of the better universities, with 10 or 12 per cent of women in senior positions, I cannot believe that can be an adequate account of the pool of talent available. If I were a woman applying to university I would wonder why I wanted to be in an environment like that."



A student: barriers ahead?

Surveys show that true equality has not yet arrived in universities

Official 1995-96 figures show that the universities with no female professors were Abertay, Aston, Derby, Glamorgan, Lincolnshire & Humberside, Manchester Metropolitan and Sunderland.

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) said that the AUT's survey was more than two years out of date and that the situation was constantly changing. Diana Warwick, its chief executive, said: "Ever since CVCP's own equal opportunities survey in 1996, we have promoted the importance of action and not just policy. Much has been achieved over the last three years and young women should not allow out-of-date information to discourage them."

Manchester Metropolitan said it now had nine female professors, as well as a female Vice-Chancellor, Sandra Burslem. Derby now has three and Sunderland four. Six of the 96 universities have female vice-chancellors.

A spokeswoman for Manchester Metropolitan said that she hoped women would not be put off applying to university because of the survey.

"In our experience, women are overhauling or rapidly catching up with men," she said. "Women here are reaching the upper echelons, including four of our seven faculty secretaries, which is a very senior post heading our faculties."

Female students do not receive as many first-class degrees as their male peers but they outscore them for upper seconds. A total of 47.6 per cent of women graduated with an upper second last summer, compared with 39.4 per cent of men. Men also registered more third-class degrees, with 10.3 per cent against 5.8 per cent for women. The favourite choice of course for female students is combined studies, followed by business administration, whereas for men the main choice is engineering and technology.

Universities with the highest female to male student ratio include Goldsmiths' College (65:35), Anglia Polytechnic University (59:41), Glasgow Caledonian and King's College London (both 58:42). The highest male to female ratios are found at Cranfield (77:23), Heriot-Watt and Imperial College, London (71:29) and University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (70:30).

St Andrews loses to its rival on accommodation rating

Edinburgh on top

EDINBURGH pips its historic rival St Andrews to the summit of the Scottish rankings thanks to its rising entry requirements and higher library and computer spending, *David Charter writes*.

St Andrews, top last year, loses the advantage of its more comprehensive student accommodation with the dropping of that factor from the table.

Edinburgh performs better in research, with 47 per cent of work graded five or better, signifying it is of at least national importance. At St Andrews, Britain's third-oldest university, 29 per cent of research received grade five or above.

Napier University, in Edinburgh, formerly Scotland's largest polytechnic, climbs into the top ten and from 73rd to 64th in the main table thanks to big improvements in its ratings for teaching and graduate destinations.

The Welsh table has a familiar look to it and the biggest improvement by an institution in the principality came at sixth-placed Glamorgan. In the UK table, the 16,000-student university leapt from 82nd to 69th, after a significant rise in graduates finding jobs and further study, and gradings of excellent in a number of undergraduate courses.

TOP SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES

1 (2)	Edinburgh
2 (1)	St Andrews
3 (3)	Glasgow
4 (4)	Aberdeen
5 (5)	Stirling
6 (6)	Dundee
7 (7)	Strathclyde
8 (8)	Heriot-Watt
9 (9)	Robert Gordon
10 (11)	Napier

WALES TOP FIVE

1 (1)	Cardiff
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Competing in the world market

How is British education seen overseas? By John O'Leary

Higher education has become an increasingly international business. Academics switch continents without hesitation, more students than ever participate in exchange programmes and comparisons are also beginning to cross national borders.

An American ranking earlier in the year judged Cambridge the best university outside the US, and European tables produced by the German magazine *Der Spiegel* lead to the same conclusion. Although the university was not placed top for any of the four subjects assessed, its overall performance was better than any of its rivals.

Dutch universities topped two of *Der Spiegel's* tables. The Catholic University of Tilburg was rated best for law, while the Technical University of Eindhoven was top in engineering. Lausanne University, in Switzerland, headed the ranking for economics and Helsinki was considered best for the national language.

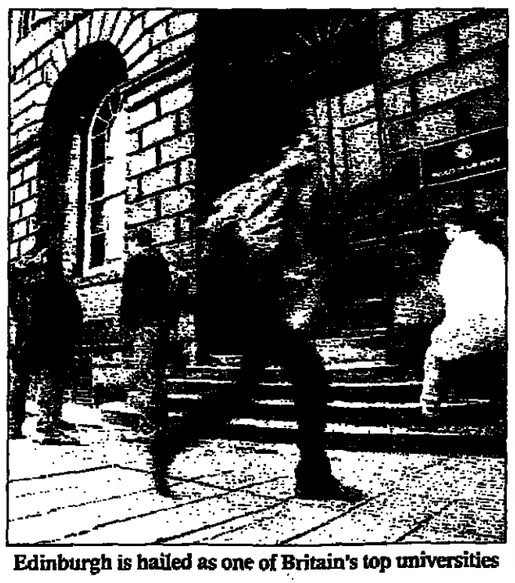
Of the ten British insitutions included in the exercise, only Oxford and Cambridge appeared in the top ten in all four areas. Cambridge had the better record.

Sir Alec Broers, Cambridge's Vice-Chancellor, said reliable international comparisons were difficult to compile, but he added: "We always take note of comparisons, although we take some of them with a pinch of salt. We did particularly well in an international citation index recently, for example, but usually there is very little between us and Oxford."

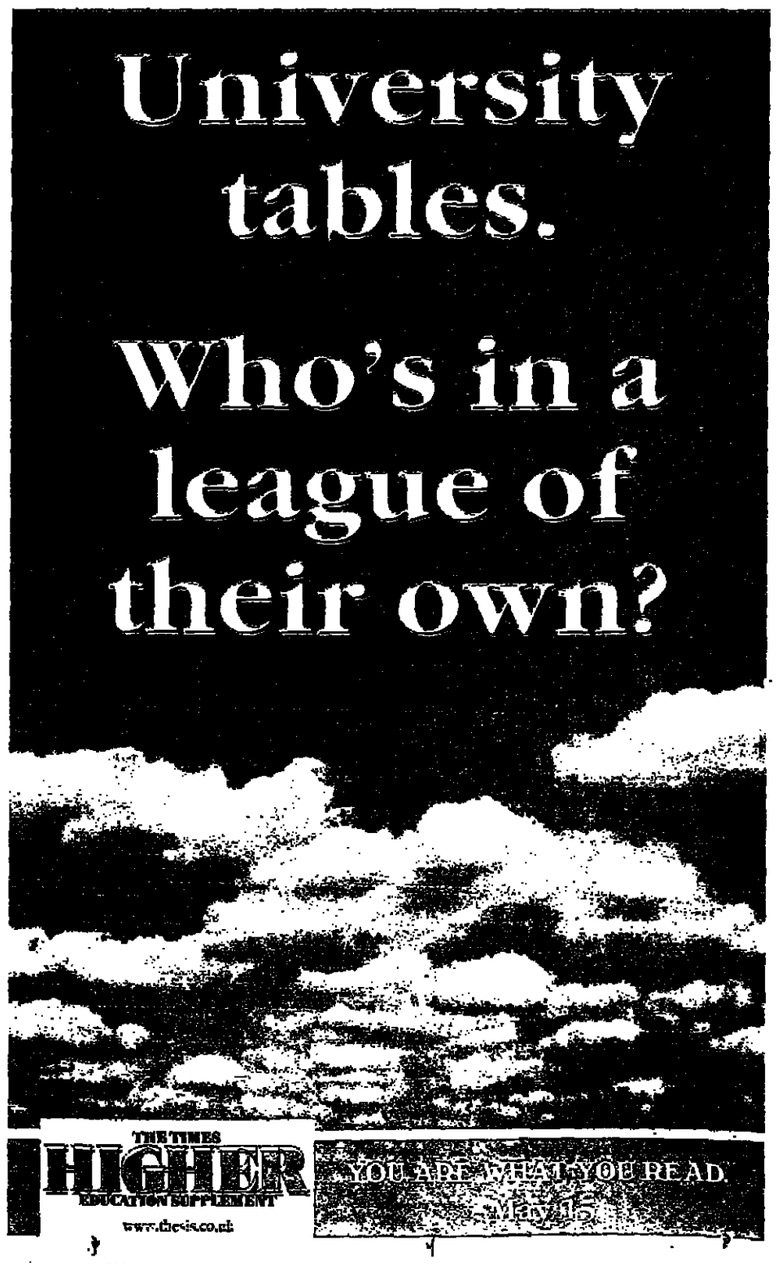
The European ranking sampled the views of thousands of students and academics after a panel of professors had selected the top universities in each of the countries covered. In Britain, the London School of Economics, University and Imperial colleges of London University, Durham, Edinburgh, Southampton, Warwick and York universities were the other institutions chosen. Only Bristol and St Andrews, of *The Times* top ten, were omitted.

The magazine found that British students had much greater access to academics than their counterparts on the Continent. But it concluded that the expansion planned in British universities would place this in danger unless there was a sharp increase in the number of lecturers.

In future, however, the international dimension in higher education may be as much about collaboration as competition. Networks such as *Universitas 21*, which links Birmingham, Nottingham, Edinburgh and Glasgow universities with others in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore and China, will use new communications technologies to give students access to academics based thousands of miles away.

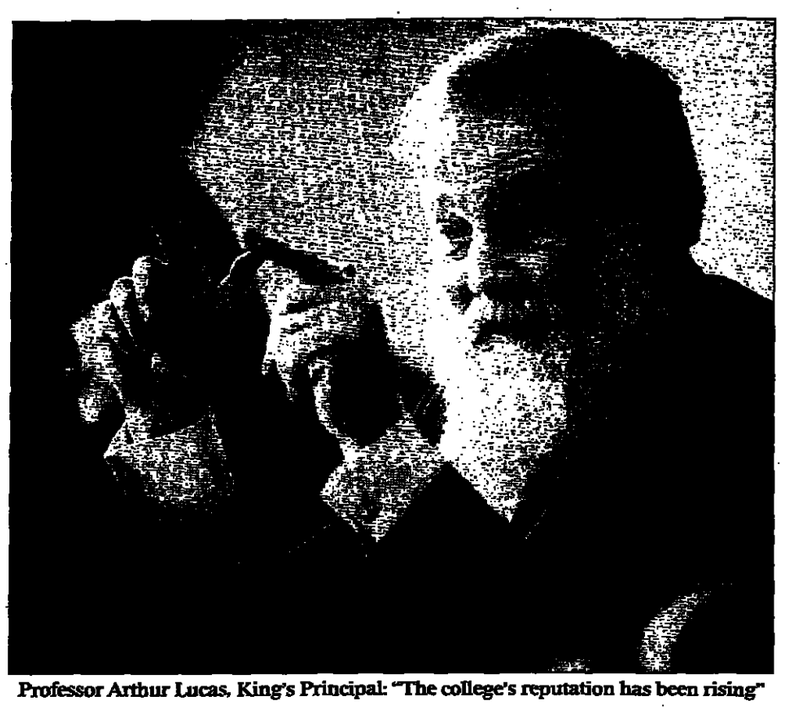


Edinburgh is hailed as one of Britain's top universities



The capital's academic shrinking violet is blooming, says **John O'Leary**

Emerging into the limelight



Professor Arthur Lucas, King's Principal: "The college's reputation has been rising"

For an institution with a distinguished history stretching back almost 170 years, King's College is one of London's best-kept secrets. Well respected though it is in academic circles, the capital's other academic powerhouses have tended to hog the limelight.

That may be about to change, however, following a merger which will cement King's position as one of London University's two largest colleges (with University College London) with 16,500 students. Having taken in the Institute of Psychiatry last year, the college believes it can make further strides in both teaching and research.

The latest merger involves the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals (UMDS). The new medical school will be among the largest in Europe, with links to the college's already strong nursing and paramedical courses.

The all-round strength of the college is confirmed today by another Top 20 finish in *The Times* university league table. A good record in the Higher Education Funding Council's teaching assessments, high entry standards and generous spending levels on computing and library facilities were mainly responsible.

Professor Arthur Lucas, the Principal, is convinced that the enlarged college can do even better. "There is plenty of evidence that the college's standing has been rising, and this is showing up in undergraduate applications."

Professor Lucas believes that size has held King's back in the past, especially before the 1985 amalgamation with Chelsea and Queen Elizabeth colleges. "King's was producing its share of Nobel prize-winners, but failing to invest in itself."

Even before the latest additions, made possible by £45 million of government funding, King's was pursuing a policy of growth. The college has almost doubled in size in the past 12 years, despite losing more than 70 academics in a restructuring exercise.

Any further growth is likely to be mainly in postgraduate studies, however, in spite of the Government's plans for expansion in higher education. Professor Lucas says: "The argument for expanding student numbers is sound for the system as a whole, but it doesn't follow that it is right for every institution. We want to make our contribution by concentrating on those things we do well, rather than trying to do everything."

That approach will include some innovative programmes involving the new medical school. With an annual intake of more than 300 students, it will be possible to experiment with new routes into the profession, probably including a course for graduates from other disciplines.

Joint programmes are under discussion with other faculties. Arts and social science staff will be involved in an attempt to produce more "rounded" doctors, possibly giving students the option of collecting a BA *en route* to their medical qualification.

The college's research profile has already benefited from last year's addition of the Institute of Psychiatry. With the improvement in King's last research rankings, the college will soon have the fifth highest research income among British universities.

Academics have started to take note of this and other improvements. Professor Lucas takes particular pride in the recruitment of two professors from Princeton University, in the United States, in the past 18 months. The enlarged institution they have joined will be concentrated on three main academic campuses within one square mile at the heart of London. Complications over premises, which threatened the college's viability at the start of the decade, have been overcome, and long-standing ambitions to take over neighbouring Somerset House have been shelved.

Instead the college is planning joint ventures with the landlords of Somerset House to create a vibrant cultural centre in one of London's prime sites, between the Strand and the Embankment. By next year, King's former sites in Kensington and Chelsea will have been exchanged for refurbished buildings at the Guy's and Waterloo campuses.

With the original premises on the Strand due for a £3.5 million upgrade, Professor Lucas, who is also Deputy Vice-Chancellor of London University, sees the new King's enhancing the capital's place on the higher education map. "The university is becoming a different sort of player, with a group of large multi-faculty institutions rather than a collection of small colleges. The effect should be to reinforce the 'golden triangle' with Oxford and Cambridge."

Five-star effort: from classics to war studies

Mergers mean more good news for research, reports **Simon Midgley**

The newly enlarged King's College London will be ideally placed to build on its distinguished international reputation as a centre of excellence in research and scholarship.

After the merger with the Institute of Psychiatry and UMDS, the college will have the fifth-highest external research income of all UK universities — £75 million a year. Its academics generate similar amounts of research income each as those at Oxford and Cambridge — winning on average a £200,000 grant or contract every three years.

In the last research assessment exercise, King's was awarded more top ratings than any other university institution apart from Oxford, Cambridge and University College London. Seven of the college's departments received starred fives: education, classics, German, history, mechanical engineering, music and war studies.

The merger with the Institute of Psychiatry, a five-star institution, increased this tally to eight, and the imminent arrival of the United Medical & Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals and its five-star department of clinical dentistry will increase the total to nine. Overall, 80 per cent of the newly merged college's departments will have a rating of four or five stars.

Dr Malcolm Sims, the managing director of King's College Enterprises Ltd., says the target is to lift all its departments into the four or five-star region by the next Research Assessment Exercise in 2001. "One of the issues for King's," he says "is to be able to invest selectively in areas to bring them up to that standard of excellence."

The college is particularly successful in attracting research funding from Government departments and organisations such as the Department of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Ministry of Defence. It will also be the most successful UK university in attracting worldwide funds (excluding the EU), especially from the pharmaceutical industry, and for environmental research.

Picking up the Dearing Report's recommendation that universities should make strategic decisions to concentrate on their strengths, the college is keen to develop its medical and biological sciences.

"One of the fortunate results of the merger, on the medical side, is that we can now compete for large-scale funding programmes from organisations such as the Medical Research Council," Dr Sims says. The approach is to move away from the old academic departmental structure to interdisciplinary research groups.

The college expects to be strong in areas such as: developmental neurobiology; neurosciences and neurodegenerative diseases; genetics — an area where it has one of the leading experts on breast cancer predisposing genes; asthma and allergies; age-related diseases: cardiovascular science; and Caribbean medicine, investigating sickle-cell anaemia, hypertension and diabetes.



Biological sciences: a growth area

As well as being a leading scientific research institution, King's has other centres of excellence. In the Humanities it has a centre for computing and the use of multi-media techniques to catalogue, and produce educational materials on, for example, Greek sculptures.

It also has research centres in American Studies, 20th century cultural studies and a Centre for Medical Law and Ethics, which in 1996 won the Queen's Anniversary Prize. The new International Centre for Prison Studies, looking at the role of prisons in society, opened in October last year.

The college's school of education has recently won a major Leverhulme Trust grant to analyse why British children do badly at mathematics and how to raise standards of numeracy.

The college is proud of the work it does for industry, particularly in the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. It is working, for example, on restoring contaminated land, developing multimedia products to update the knowledge of GPs, and other projects involving the next generation of telephony technologies.

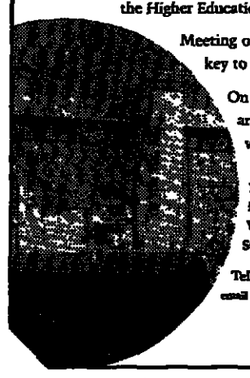
It is also developing optoelectronic systems for communication and for measuring strain and temperature in chemical reactors and power plants. The college's Drug Control Centre is the only one in the UK to be accredited by the Olympics organisation.

In the field of technology transfer, the college has licensed a number of technologies for commercial exploitation. Quadruple resonance technology developed in the chemistry department, which detects concealed explosives and narcotics in luggage, has been licensed to Vivid, a world leader in automated airport detection systems.

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Lessons in good bedside manners

Ian Murray on the courses that test not only the doctor's knowledge but also understanding



Sir Cyril Chantler says that new doctors "need to remember that one day we too will be patients"

A nervous medical student was ushered into the examination room for an essential part of his finals. There, he was confronted with a woman in her early forties to whom he had to break the news that her 17-year-old son was a schizophrenic.

As he explained what would happen, the woman began crying and he had to try to console her. Watching his performance were the examiners. If he handled the situation well he would qualify. If he left the mother distraught he would fail, no matter how good his clinical knowledge. The woman was an actress, chosen for her ability to burst into tears. For the second time in the history of medicine, the theatre has become an essential part of training for doctors.

Communication skills are now taught because they are needed in a health service where patients' expectations are high and complaints are not confined to illness. The merger of the Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals Medical and Dental Schools with King's College London has made it easier to build this type of course into the curriculum, turning out doctors who are as well tested on their anatomy and diagnostic ability as their bedside manner.

Sir Cyril Chantler, Principal of the UMDS, admits that the medical training he went through when he qualified in 1964 was different to the kind students at the new medical and dental school will receive. Medical and nursing students will train together just as they will one day work together as a team.

"Technology is so complicated now that you need to have teamwork. I am a specialist in children's kidney diseases and yet I have patients on machines that I do not know how to operate. I have to leave that to the nurses, who are trained to use them."

Students no longer do their academic learning and clinical training in isolation: instead, the two are merged so that the practical applications of what they are reading become immediately apparent.

The new medical and dental school also puts a strong emphasis on the humanities and likes to choose its students from among candidates who have an A level in this type of subject. "We are concerned about the personal development of the individual needed to make a good doctor," Sir Cyril says. "In the past we have paid too much attention to technical innovation and have forgotten the concept that doctors look after the sick and comfort and care for them."

Alongside medical training, therefore, students are encouraged to work in a course of their choice looking at subjects such as the philosophy of science, medical ethics and law or theology in relation to medicine. "A basic level of medical skills is of course essential, but a good doctor needs other skills. He or she could be a linguist or a musician but above all must be the sort of person you want to see when you are ill. That is what you are trained to be."

Sir Cyril's philosophy is that qualifying in medicine is only the start of a lifelong educational process and that the purpose of a medical course is to help students to learn rather than to teach them. Part of this training has to be in information technology, since doctors in the NHS are going to rely more and more on its use for everything from diagnosis to practice management.

While core knowledge has to be defined and tested, there has to be time for personal development. While cell biology is important, so too are behavioural and social science, ethics, law, management and a study of public health. Problem solving is crucial and examinations should be testing not only knowledge but understanding.

Participating in research is also seen as an important part of education, so that a doctor can evaluate work that is being done and contribute in future to the universal store of knowledge.

New students at the merged school are reminded that everyone wants the personal attention of a doctor who will take personal responsibility for them when they are ill. "Rudyard Kipling said that mankind can be divided into two groups, namely doctors and patients," Sir Cyril says. "We all need to remember that one day we too will be a patient."

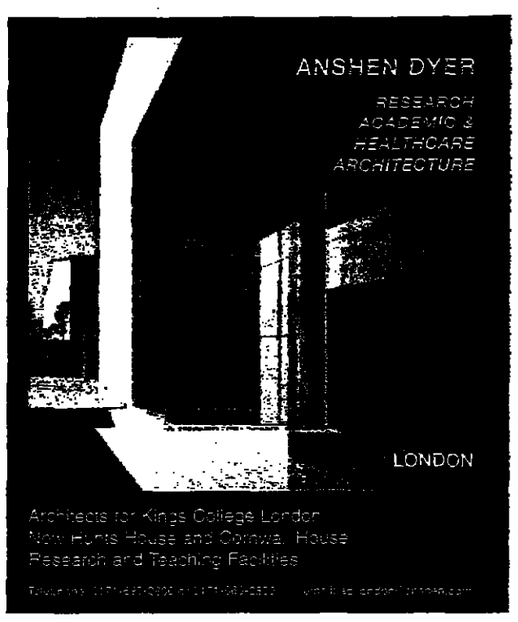
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Stephen Hoare on a £170m public-private partnership that brings together 7,000 students from sites all over London

All change at Waterloo



In September 1999, ready for the start of the new academic year, King's College London will open two important medical teaching and research facilities in connection with the merger with UMDS. The £170 million public-private partnership — better known under its old banner, PFI — is by far the largest such scheme in the higher education sector.

Construction began in January on Hunt's House at the Guy's Hospital site. Meanwhile, on the South Bank adjacent to Waterloo Bridge, contractors are refurbishing a former office building, Cornwall House. Within close proximity of the King's College campus, next to Somerset House on the Strand, the new buildings will bring 7,000 students and 1,500 teaching staff together from sites all over London. The move will concentrate medical teaching and research on two of the three major Thames-side campuses.

Bill Slade, the King's College secretary, says: "We're now one of the largest and most diverse institutions in our field. And we'll now have some of the most significant research facilities in the UK in buildings adapted to the modern technology and to our needs."

Unusually for PFI, there are twinned contracts. The two parties are European Land and Property Corporation (KC & UMDS)Limited who have contracted to buy the surplus sites, and Bouygues SA, who have contracted to design and build the new facilities. The college has contracts with ELP and Bouygues. The contract to operate and maintain the buildings over 25 years is let to Ecovert, Bouygues's facilities management arm. The scheme will be financed through the sale of the college's surplus properties in Kensington and Chelsea to European Land. One site, 552 King's Road, the former St Mark and St John teacher training college, is empty, with planning permission for a residential and commercial scheme comprising offices and a restaurant.

Under the scheme, an unsuitable 1850s building — Hunt's House — was demolished at Guy's Hospital to make way for a 13,500-square-metre teaching block designed by architects Anshen Dyer. At the same time, a new 125-year lease was negotiated for Cornwall House to provide a new life and health sciences building. Internal refurbishment will create 25,000 square metres of teaching space and an extensive redesign includes light wells and glazed atriums to bring natural light deep into what were once dingy turn-of-the-century government offices. Plans for research laboratories are flexible enough to allow space and services to be reconfigured to suit changing needs.

Besides the two main buildings, other new teaching facilities are being built outside the scope of the PFI. In addition to the new Hunt's House three buildings at Guy's are being refurbished, while at the Strand there are plans to develop the campus further with a new law school building and the opening up of a general and military archive, for which funding is sought from philanthropic sources.

European Land went out to competitive tender for construction and facilities management. The college awarded a fixed-price, lump-sum design-and-build contract to Bouygues. Paul Allison, of the project managers Ernst and Young, says: "Average public sector contracts overrun budget by 20 per cent but with the construction price and occupation charge capped, the risk has passed to the private sector."

Bouygues and Ecovert will take an equity stake in the operating company that will manage the building so there is an incentive to complete on time.

The deal with European Land also transfers risk from the college to the private sector. Apart from the King's Road site, all of the sites the college wants to sell are occupied and cannot be vacated until the new buildings have been completed.

With the project underpinned by a £45 million government grant, bank loans, and guarantees, European Land has committed itself to buying the sites at today's market rate, thereby securing funding for the construction. European Land has promised to cut King's in on a slice of windfall profits if property prices soar beyond an agreed level. Mr Slade says: "The advantage with a public-private partnership is that the price is fully determined. We've secured our position by substantial guarantees."

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The chance to enjoy the art, culture and nightlife of "Swinging London" is an obvious lure for King's students. The South Bank Centre, the Globe theatre and the British Film Institute are on the college's doorstep, as are the Courtauld Institute and the Courts of Justice.

Theatreland is all around, while the National Gallery is just down from the Strand campus, in Trafalgar Square. Students can take advantage of such opportunities both academically, through the links which the college's humanities department has formed with such institutions, or socially — although the college itself can rival many of London's better-known clubs, with Tutu's, its own nightspot, at the top of the Macadam building on the Strand campus.

Named after Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a King's alumnus, Tutu's is famous for playing host to many up-and-coming bands and gets regular mentions in *Time Out*, the London listings magazine. Record companies such as Virgin and EMI use the venue as a showcase for recently signed bands, while the Curve chose Tutu's as the place for their first show in two years, with the likes of Robert Plant and actors from *This Life* in the audience.

Menswear played their first London gig in more than two years at Tutu's last month, previewing songs from their new album. Students can also star-spot among the audiences, with the Gallagher brothers and Paul Weller among the big names reputed to have hung out there.

"We are trying to move away from the beer-and-grub image of student unions," says Matt Davies, the president of the student union. "Plans are also afoot to develop a new union centre on the Guy's campus at London Bridge, with a venue holding 1,000 people in the basement. Students will also be able to enjoy the K4 fitness club in King's Stamford Street halls of residence, which has been featured on BBC's *Watchdog* programme as an example of a high-quality gym with reasonable rates.

DES JENSON



Students chatting in the main entrance hall. They can take advantage of partnerships with institutions such as RADA

"Our location is fantastic. We are between Covent Garden and the South Bank, surrounded by theatreland and London clubs," Mr Davies says. Students will also have the opportunity to live centrally, with college accommodation in prime areas such as Westminster, as well as near Waterloo or in Hampstead.

Mr Davies is also keen to implement a students' transferable skills scheme, inviting experts from nearby companies and corporations, such as Arthur Andersen, to teach additional courses in the evenings or at weekends.

> 'They can spot stars in the audience at their own club'

Mr Davies says: "Graduates need something besides a degree to get jobs these days. The courses, which would give them a skills certificate, would tackle public speaking, presentations or negotiating skills."

The college's humanities department has also taken full advantage of its central location. By creating partnerships with nearby institutions such as the Royal Academy of Music, where students are offered instrumental lessons, or workshops at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, they have been able to develop new approaches to teaching, according to Professor Barry Ife, the Vice-Principal of King's.

Surrounded as they are along the Thames by the Globe, the British Film Institute (BFI) and the IMAX cinema at Waterloo, an area where millions of pounds of public money is being poured into development, the college is looking to forge new relationships with bodies such as the BFI and to strengthen links with the Globe theatre. Professor Ife says: "There will be a stronger focus on such links after the merger, and we will be looking at partners in the area.

"In the past, such partnerships have enabled us to take different approaches and to turn out a different kind of student.

"Our link over the past ten years or so with the Royal Academy of Music is a good example, bringing theorists and practitioners together. Our students can do more than just play — they know about the context of the music they are playing."

Students studying for MAs in Text and Performance Studies at King's are taught jointly by seminars at the college and workshops at RADA. Others can take advantage of the links that King's has with the nearby Courtauld Institute and of the lectures given by members of the institute.

Would-be lawyers can find their way around the Inns of Court and the Royal Courts of Justice, taking advantage of the research resources on offer there, and are in a unique position to gain access to the hubbub of life in Chancery. Developers would jump at such a location.

Out of the ivory towers

John Naish looks at the effect of reorganisation on local healthcare

London's research and healthcare facilities have traditionally been at the centre of international developments, but the new reorganisation gives King's College the opportunity to use that skill and knowledge to improve the lives of the people living in its own backyard.

For the links that have been forged over many years with other centres of excellence around the world will enable the new organisation to work with the mix of peoples and cultures that make up modern London.

Sir Cyril Chantler, Dean of the United Medical and Dental Schools, says he is determined that the reorganisation will bring teaching and research out of its ivory tower.

One of the key changes is the school's new curriculum, beginning in October next year, abandoning medicine's starched white-coat mystique and working in partnership with the community.

> 'We will be better able to represent ethnic minorities'

Another element involves much greater focus on community healthcare which began with the 1992 Tomlinson report and has been reinforced by government Green and White Papers.

The reorganisation of King's College is ideally suited to meeting these trends, says Sir Cyril — particularly in the field of research. "We are very lucky in that the merger is bringing the facilities from King's, the United Medical and Dental Schools and Guy's together into a new building. That gives us a large biomedical science base at Guy's Hospital. It will enable us to ensure that science is grounded in the realities of medical practice at local level.

"There will be a major cancer and genetics centre, and we have just recruited a world-leading new professor of immunobiology from America's Yale University, who has come over because of the quality of our new approach and our new facilities. It's the brain-drain in reverse."

Professor Adrian Eddleston, the Dean-elect of the new School of Medicine, is working to turn the organisation's global skills into local action. He says: "One of the most important things that we have realised over the past three or four years is that while we have well-established work in national and international research, we should be focusing part of our efforts on the problems of our local population.

"This is the joy of the reorganisation," he says. "It enables us to make our expertise and world-wide reputation available to local people."

A major part of this involves tackling the health problems of large ethnic minority groups within the capital. Professor Eddleston says the new organisation will focus first on the needs of Afro-Caribbean populations, and with the knowledge they gain from this, support other groups, such as Asian people.

"Afro-Caribbeans have a very different profile of disease than indigenous people, and culturally they can communicate very differently. We have already started building an alliance with the University of the West Indies to create a joint effort, involving staff and student exchanges, so that we can learn to tailor our services and support local self-help groups seeking to address their own healthcare needs.

People from ethnic minorities are very much underrepresented in our organisation, and we hope the initiative will help us address them.

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King's College is the comparative youngster in the new organisation, gaining its royal charter in 1829, while medicine was first taught at St Thomas' Hospital in the 16th century, and at Guy's Hospital in the 18th.

King's, one of the University of London's two founding colleges, opened its doors to the first students in 1831 on its present main site. The department of medicine was there from almost the beginning, and it was a desire to extend the clinical experience of its medical students that led to the founding of the original King's College Hospital in 1839. The medical school separated from the college in 1909, but it rejoined in 1983 when the hospital moved to Denmark Hill.

King's has always been at the forefront of new academic developments: it was among the first to provide education for women and to offer evening classes.

Five King's scientists have won Nobel prizes, including, most recently, Professor Sir James Black, for the development of drugs to reduce high blood pressure and to treat stomach ulcers, and Professor Maurice Wilkins, for his work on the structure of DNA.

There are many other famous alumni; among them are Sir Charles Wheatstone, who patented the electric telegraph, and Joseph Lister, known as the father of antiseptic surgery.

King's played a significant role in the birth of the profession of nursing, too. Florence Nightingale returned from the Crimea to create her pioneering institution for training nurses at King's College Hospital and St Thomas's. That tradition remains today with the Nightingale Institute of Nursing, which was formed in 1994 from the merger within King's College of the nursing schools of Guy's, King's and St Thomas' hospitals.

JOHN NAISH

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End of the suits is music to our ears

As Irving Berlin noted, there's no business like showbusiness. So let's see if I've got this straight. Polygram, which owns such record labels as Decca, A&M, Mercury, Island, and Deutsche Grammophon but is itself owned by the Dutch wireless-makers Philips, is expected to be sold this week to the Canadian booze company Seagram, which has already bought Universal Studios from Matsushita and has a £600 million stake in Time Warner.

This comes as a shock to EMI, owner of Virgin Records. Until last week the British chaps, formerly part of Thorn, had thought that *they* were being bought by Seagram. However, EMI could do a deal with Bertelsmann, owners of RCA. Meanwhile Disney, which owns ABC, is apparently keen to snap up Polygram, should Seagram decide to buy EMI after all. And Disney's former boss, the very power-breakfastable Michael Ovitz, is also said to be "masterminding" a separate deal for Polygram. Are you with me so far?

But perhaps I am oversimplifying. Could Sony, which owns everything not owned by anyone else, be preparing a surprise bid? Where does Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks stand in the merger wars? Has the Asian market collapsed? Is the CIA involved? Did the Foreign Secretary know? Do bald men make better lovers?

Only Mystic Meg can give us these answers, and I understand that she is herself the subject of a hostile takeover bid by Glenn Hoddle's faith healer. But this I do know. The most interesting CDs being produced today — certainly in the classical, jazz and world music field — don't come from any of those dreary PolyWallySony conglomerates. They come from one-man-and-a-dog independent companies, the sort run by people who still have a passion for music. By contrast, the big companies nowadays seem entirely staffed by marketing suits. To them, music isn't a passion; it's a "product".

However, there are signs that the whole tottering edifice of the "music business" is crashing down anyway. CD sales are in decline. Piracy is rife. Across the world there is a backlash against the global homogenisation of music. Soon the Internet will download into your home any music you want. Performers and composers could theoretically deal directly with customers. The omens for conventional record distribution and retail chains are ominous.

I haven't got a clue about what will happen to the music business as a result. But the odd thing is that all those self-important chaps doing the billion-dollar deals this week don't have the foggiest notion either. Buying a big record company today could be as sound an investment as putting money into gas-lamps on the day that Edison invented the lightbulb.

But readers, don't let me put you off. If you have the odd £5 billion

WEEK IN THE ARTS



RICHARD MORRISON

washing around in your piggybank, go ahead: EMI could be yours tomorrow. Just think. You will be invited to Posh Spice's wedding. You will be photographed on the Abbey Road zebra crossing. You will swap witty anarchist banter with Chumbawamba. The good life indeed! And if you wake up one day to find that your £5 billion investment can't be sold for tuppence — well, that's showbusiness. There's no business like it, as the man said.

Wittiest artistic gesture of the year so far? Surely it was the achievement of the Newcastle football supporters who, at dawn one Sunday morning, hoisted a 30ft replica of Alan Shearer's No 9 shirt on to Antony Gormley's much-reviled *Angel of the North* sculpture, towering outside Gateshead.

It was some feat. Commissioning the massive nylon shirt in the famous black-and-white strip cost the lads £1,000 out of their own pockets (compare and contrast with the £584,000 of lottery money lavished on the gargantuan folly itself). Then they had to do ingenious things with fishing lines and balls to get the shirt over the head of the overbearing 65ft statue.

But what a glorious way to debunk Britain's most infamous piece of "public art". Especially just before the Cup Final against Arsenal, when all of Geordieland is praying that Shearer will indeed be the "angel of the North".

Alas, the lads' triumph was short-lived. Within 20 minutes the police had arrived. Exhibiting a sense-of-humour failure that would have won them medals in the East German Stasi, the constabulary dourly proceeded to restore Gormley's monster to its pristine concrete nudity. Clearly, "public art" must be protected from any sort of contribution by the public.

Yet I believe that Gormley himself would have seen the joke, for Britain's most derided sculptor is not without a sense of the absurd. Recently he confessed to me, with a grin, that his *Angel* is so heavy that it is actually sinking, inch by inch. In a few years, given plenty of rain and reasonable luck, only its head will show.

Meanwhile, the big question is: how should we diehard Arsenal fans respond to the Newcastle sculpture challenge? Clearly the initiative must be seized back for North London before tomorrow's great Wembley battle. The trouble is that the capital has no extravagantly wasteful modern edifice quite so widely scorned as the *Angel of the North*.

Except ... yes, there is something! Tomorrow morning I shall lead a dawn raid on the Greenwich Dome. Using the world's biggest inflatable balloon, assorted paints, a large ball of string and my son's bicycle pump, I shall cover that detested £750 million eyesore with a 300ft rubber effigy of Arsène Wenger, the saintly Arsenal manager.

Then I shall chain myself to Wenger's spectacles, and wait to be arrested. As I certainly will be. You see, ordinary members of the public are banned from coming up with lunatic ideas for the Dome. That's the Government's job.

Strictly adult viewing

OPERA

Manon

Coliseum

As a secret Massenet lover — you still have to be a bit closety about him in respectable musical circles — I wondered in advance if his creaky old *opéra comique* of 1884 could be made to work in the harsh light of the late 20th century. No need: David McVicar's new ENO production is a triumphant vindication of the old wizard's sheer theatrical knowhow.

In fact *Manon* is the 19th-century equivalent of a West End musical, perfectly, slightly cynically tailored to its audience, the hit numbers deftly placed in cunningly paced narrative. And what numbers they are: every purveyor of the junk regularly dumped on the stage nowadays should be forced to go to the Coliseum and learn what a really good tune can achieve.

Massenet's cynicism led him marginally to water down Prévost's novel, set in the Orleans Regency, an era of unparalleled sleaze and corruption. McVicar must have been tempted to play it in modern dress, a temptation wisely resisted, though the lottery tickets on sale in the Cours-la-Reine are given due prominence. But with the aid of Tanya McCallin's atmospheric set and costumes, McVicar restores the Hogarthian element: you can almost see the fleas, almost smell the soiled underwear.

The set is of course permanent, a sort of bullring, with a discreetly used second "audience" contributing to the action; and McVicar handles crowds with an ease and confidence unseen on the operatic stage for many a year. Against this creepy, ever-threatening background, with no pauses between scenes, the story of the doomed lovers takes on extra fluency and resonance. This is a heartenингly adult reading.

Potential weaknesses are turned into strengths. *Manon*'s pimp-cousin (brother in the novel) can emerge as a standard operetta swashbuckler, but in Ashley Holland's brilliant interpretation he's an unshaven, drunken lout, and dangerous with it. Similarly Guillot, too often your standard fop; but Anthony Mee, transformed by padding into a spherical, periwigged butterball of sheer malevolence, comes near to stealing the show. And *Manon* can seem awfully long, but cuts that bring the show in at three hours are so tactfully made that not even the most unbuttoned Massenetiste could take offence.

DONALD COOPER



See the fleas, smell the dirt: Gail Pearson, Rosa Mannion, Nerys Jones and Sally Harrison give their all in David McVicar's marvellous *Manon*

Rosa Mannion, on sparkling form, seizes every opportunity offered by the wide variety of music — sentimental, brazen, unashamedly sexy — that Massenet gives his heroine, and John Hudson, sounding more like a French tenor than most real French tenors, sings both Des Grieux's Dream and *Ah, fuyez* with rare command of the requisite style, and makes the bespectacled, fumbling bookworm awfully likeable. I wondered only about giving John Connell's father Des Grieux, got up as Dr Johnson, a pungent regional accent; it somehow punctured his gravitas.

Conducting Massenet must be rather like making love, with all those momentary little outbursts, those teasing holdings-back, those long phrases to be caressed like the shapeliest of naked limbs (steady on, boy). Well, Paul Daniel understands all that: his reading had just the right suggestion of rustling silk. One mystery: there were a couple of isolated boos for the production team, and for the life of me I cannot puzzle out why anyone should take offence at this absolutely marvellous show.

RODNEY MILNES

Watch the Birdie

When I hear the term "comedy series" I reach for the groan button, for there is no area of radio with such a propensity for unpredictable results, outside live football. Of course comedy always has several excuses lined up, including the fact that humour is "a matter of personal taste", which is meant to frighten critics away from the territory.

Well, boo sucks to that. And double boo sucks in the case of Radio 4, which has chosen to pepper the mid-morning with comedy sitcoms and therefore presumably believes that a good chuckle is just what that segment of the day needs.

RADIO

On successive days, the merits and otherwise of radio comedy are at present on show in **Chambers** (Mondays) and **The Emerald Green Show** (Tuesdays): a sparkler followed by a dud. Sadly for the many in Broadcasting House who go about demanding more experimental comedy, the returning *Chambers* is an object lesson in comedy from which the new *Emerald Green Show* could take several lessons.

In summary, *Chambers* stars John Bird and Sarah Lancashire and is written by Clive Coleman, a practising barrister, and is set, obviously, in chambers: no shortage of comedy pickings there. *Emerald Green* stars Llewella Gideon in the title role of a thrusting, black 27-year-old who, by sheer force of will and bogus "roots in the black community", gets to present a chat show on cable television aimed at ethnic minorities.

Credit the writer, Lisselle Kayla, and the producer, Pam Fraser Solomon, for having the gumption to build the series around an unloveable black character. And all credit to Gideon for playing the role so in-your-face that she positively crackles through the ether. But, to judge by episode one, this is comedy which is too dependent on its muscularity. The effort to be funny is simply too palpable, so that lines fall flat by dint of being pumped up too hard, like bicycle tyres serving the opposite of their purpose through over-inflation.

The other risk too far is the very nature of *Emerald Green*. How many comedies survive on thoroughly unlikeable leading characters? Not many. Green has redeeming features, but they were not very apparent in the opening episode. The fact that, as the cable TV executive says in hiring her, "she's desperate and she'll do it for nothing" does not help to make her what the audience needs, which is a character they can recognise or identify with.

John Fuller Carp, the barrister played by John Bird in *Chambers*, fits that requirement perfectly. The hapless Fuller is a masterly creation, shaped in the recognisable mould of the bumbling, out-of-touch legal type and then stretched to the very edges of credibility. Surround that with strong supporting characters and you have a model comedy. It leaves ground-breaking to others and is right to do so.

PETER BARNARD

Reeling in the northern light

CONCERT

RPO/Maxwell Davies

Barbican

The original announcement for Wednesday night's Royal Philharmonic concert promised a new work from Sir Peter Maxwell Davies: nameless but of about ten minutes' duration. In the event, there were no fewer than three new, or nearly new, works.

The concert opened with Gareth Wood conducting his own *Fanfare: Flying High*. An exuberant, celebratory piece, it was given with panache. Wood then disappeared into the ranks of the double basses, leaving the podium to Davies, who conducted the world premiere of his *Maxwell's Reel, with Northern Lights*. This is the latest in an occasional series of works of specifically Orcadian inspiration: *A Spell for Green Corn* and *An Orkney Wedding, with Sunrise* are two of the most popular examples from the past decade. The distinguishing feature of these works is, in addition to their Scottish folk influences, their whirling dance rhythms.

The first part of the title of *Maxwell's Reel* refers to an authentic old tune, namely *Maxwell's Strathspey*, published in *The Scottish Minstrel* in 1824. The second part alludes to a vivid visual image recalled by Davies: the northern lights in the night sky. The pulse of the reel makes itself felt throughout, though the rhythms are fragmented as instruments collide and overlap. The overall effect is spectral and unsettling, as doubtless intended: in short, a worthy and characteristic addition to the canon.

The opportunity was also taken to give another outing to Davies's Piccolo Concerto of 1996. The work is a short one, as the title punningly implies, yet not all is of hornpipe jauntiness. There are poetic moments too, as when the piccolo's opposite number, the bass clarinet, takes an introspective solo in the slow movement, while in the finale there is a hint of a still darker edge. The accomplished soloist was Stewart McIlwham, the former principal piccolo of the RPO.

Two more members of the orchestra, Jonathan Carney and Andrew Williams, took the limelight in an undistinguished performance of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola. After the interval, however, there was a far more satisfying account of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony: dramatically conceived, incisively articulated and powerfully driven.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Three's great company

THEATRE

Three by Pinter

Donmar

A dress-designer called Stella, back in London from a business trip to Leeds, tells her husband James she had a one-night fling with a professional rival, Bill. That much is clear but, when the injured spouse decides to confront the supposed seducer, the questions begin. Maybe Stella invented the affair. Maybe she wishes to unsettle or provoke an unsatisfactory husband. Maybe Bill, who at first denies anything sexual, then confirms it, then withdraws that admission, has his own agenda. Maybe upsetting not only James, but his gay protector Harry, is a way of asserting his importance, his maleness.

That's a lot of maybes; but it is from maybe, perhaps and possibly that Harold Pinter has constructed some of our era's most original plays. Indeed, I would warmly recommend *The Collection*, in which the Leeds conundrum reverberates, as an introduction to his work, especially as he himself gives a wonderfully wary, domineering performance as the put-upon Harry. It is spare, funny, tense, packed with menace, and extraordinarily intelligent about the subtle ways the English exploit and manipulate each other. Other dramatists give you the one-tenth of the human personality that breaks the surface. Pinter keeps you creatively guessing about the nine-tenths hidden beneath.

Yet *The Collection* runs under an hour, as does each of the other two plays that comprise the Donmar's Pinter-in.

Harold Pinter's *Collection*

Like them, it is also far less often revived than it should be. Why has there not been a major production of *The Lover* or *A Kind of Alaska* in years? The former is, after all, a remarkably arresting dramatisation of the tendency, also very English, to compartmentalise love and sex. The latter provides an irrefutable answer to those who say that, in his concern with human wiles, Pinter has sacrificed pathos, poignancy and other such qualities.

Lia Williams and Douglas Hodge, admirable as Stella and Bill, are even better as Sarah and Richard, the married couple in *The Lover*. He wears a City suit, she looks equally sedate, but his opening line, "Is your lover coming today?", makes it clear that they are less conventional than they seem. Should I reveal that the Casanova who eventually swaggers into the house is actually Richard, and the sexily dressed trollop who greets him is Sarah? I think so, because the play grows in complexity as, against expectation, the husband stages a rebellion against an arrangement the wife finds fulfilling. You are left pondering the rights and wrongs, success and failure of a relationship which acknowledges that balancing the claims of mind, heart and tripes is difficult, going on impossible.

If you have read Oliver Sacks's *Awakenings*, as you should, you will recognise the predicament of Deborah, who succumbed to narcolepsy at age 16 and, thanks to the drug L-dopa, is revived 29 years later. Judi Dench created the role in 1982, and Penelope Wilton is equally effective at suggesting the bewilderment of the bright, eager child in the creased, wan body. The play could, I suppose, have been a case-study in morbid medicine but, as directed by Karel Reisz, comes across as a lament for lost years and wasted time. It is well worth its place in an evening whose overall title has a deceptively offhand sound. Three by Pinter? Together, they weigh more than a dozen by just about anyone else.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

A long, tricksy way after Henry

The Aspern Papers

Watermans Arts Centre, Brentford

Two years ago Red Shift adapted Melville's *Bartleby* for the Edinburgh Festival, where its artful manner of telling the story of a courteous young man who could not face a lifetime as a Wall Street clerk, and courteously perished, made it one of the most successful adaptations I know. Red Shift's latest is not a patch on it.

This is odd, because the Henry James novella contains more obvious conflict and suspense. Will the rascally writer succeed in worming his way into the confidence of shy Miss Bordereau and persuade her to let him read the letters sent to her now antique aunt by the Byronic poet, Aspern? Michael Redgrave's West End version ran for a year in the 1950s, but for his touring production Jonathan Holloway, who directed both this and the Melville, relies on an adaptation by himself and has chosen to make it strangely, foolishly tricksy.

Apparently so that we can see the trickery of literary delvers to be timeless, he makes his characters straddle most of the century. Holed up in their Venetian palazzo the Bordereaus are late Victorians; the writer, originally unnamed but here called Henry James — the cheek of it! — is accompanied by a 1920s flapper and records his complaints on a cassette. Even ancient Aunt Juliana in her wheelchair holds a treasured cassette to her ear to listen to Aspern's voice. Holloway should have renamed his version *The Aspern Tapes*.

All this could be forgiven if he had preserved the subtleties of the text, with its cautiously circling characters, and not felt obliged to signal emotional turns so boldly. Sally Mortemore's chair-bound Juliana escapes this process, tilting her head sideways like a suspicious bird to puncture hypocrisy with a stab of dry wit. But Miss Tina (here called Tita) as played by Beatrice Comins twists her body and tentatively touches her visitor's straw hat, displaying frustration that even the crassest gentleman caller could not mistake.

Her voice is credibly troubled, however, as is Graeme Rose's, even though he looks like a Robert Redford chancer. He also has to dash about the stage, drawing curtains to suggest mysterious alleys, sharing this duty with Rachel Nicholson's Mrs Prest. Her character is largely invented by Holloway, but if she provides atmosphere by playing the cello she takes it away by swallowing her words.

JEREMY KINGSTON

■ **LISTINGS**

Bath Festival opens

ARTS

LONDON

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BATH: The 1998 **Bath International Music Festival** opens with the obligatory parade of giant insects (6pm), a flurry of fireworks, and an open air concert featuring Amor de Dios (flamenco), Jazz Jamaica, and pop-pastiche band Doreen Doreen. Tim Joss, the Festival's artistic director, tackles the first of 555 sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti at the Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street, 10pm. **Royal Victoria Park** (01225 463362). Open air concert, tonight, 6.30pm.

MANCHESTER: Robert King conducts **The King's Consort** through Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610*, a varied collection of sacred pieces originally dedicated to Pope Paul V.
Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley Street, Manchester (0161-907 9000). Tonight, 7.30pm. ◙

PRESTON: Stanislav Tchassov, former principal at the Bolshoi Ballet, choreographs a new interpretation of **Cinderella** for European Ballet. With Vitali Malko and Alla Martinkevitch.
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■ **THE ICEMAN COMETH** Eugene O'Neill's long but magnificent drama on the comforts of self-deception. Howard Davies directs a great cast led by Rupert Graves, Clarke Peters, and Kevin Spacey as Hickey, the salesman.
Almeida Theatre, 108 Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 7pm; mat Sat, 2pm. Until May 23 ◙

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Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ◙

■ **SHOW BOAT:** Hal Prince's spectacularly lavish Broadway production, with Michel Bell in the role of Joe and George Grizzard as Cap'n Andy.
Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thur and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **SWEET CHARITY:** The *Big Spender* musical from 1967, revived with Bonnie Langford and Mark Wynter. Carol Metcalfe directs.
Victoria Palace, Victoria St, SW1 (0171-834 1317). In preview, 7.30pm. Opens May 19, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat 3pm

☐ **3 BY HAROLD PINTER:** *The Collection* and *The Lover* from the 1960s, and *A Kind of Alaska* from the 1980s. A splendid cast includes Pinter himself as the withering Harry in the first play.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 7pm; mats Wed, Sat (from May 16), 2pm. *The Collection/The Lover* can be seen apart from *A Kind of Alaska*: Mon-Sat 8.15pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3.15pm. Until June 13. ◙

☐ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** The resident company open their new repertory season with Tim Supple's return to Shakespeare. Thusitha Jayasundera plays Viola and Robert Bowman is Malvolio.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). In preview, 7.30pm. Opens June 2, 7pm. From May 22 in repertoire with Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying*

LONG RUNNERS

◙ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ... ◙ **Grease:** Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ... ◙ **An Inspector Calls:** Garrick (0171-494 5085) ... ◙ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) ... ◙ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ... ◙ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ... ☐ **Smokey Joe's Cafe:** Prince of Wales (0171-839 5987) ...

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NEW RELEASES

DEEP IMPACT (12). Hurtling comet threatens the earth. Cardboard characters inflict their own damage. Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni and Elijah Wood star. Mimi Leder directs.
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LIAR (18): Suspected murderer plays psychological games with his interrogators. There is much more style than substance in this US independent film. With Tim Roth, Michael Rooker, and Chris Penn. Director, Jonas and Joshua Pate.
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LIVE FLESH (18). Pedro Almodovar's latest, a succulent and absorbing tale of love, desire, guilt and revenge, adapted from Ruth Rendell. With Javier Bardem, Francesca Neri and Liberto Rabal.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

WILD THINGS (18): School counsellor gets accused of rape. Exuberant thriller with more twists than a pretzel. With Matt Dillon, Denise Richards, and Kevin Bacon. Director, John McNaughton.
Odeon Marble Arch (0181-315 4216) **Odeon West End** (0181-315 4221) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0990 888990)

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THE BIG LEBOWSKI (18): The Coen brothers' dishevelled spoof of Raymond Chandler's thrillers: very funny in spots with Jeff Bridges, John Goodman and Julianne Moore.
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LOLITA (18): Unsubtle adaptation of Nabokov's novel about a literature professor's obsession with a nymphet. With Jeremy Irons as Humbert Humbert and Dominique Swain as Lolita. Director, Adrian Lyne.
Virgin Haymarket (0870-907 0712) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MARTHA — MEET FRANK, DANIEL AND LAURENCE** (15): Three London friends get entangled with a visiting American. Pallid 1990s version of a swinging 1960s comedy. With Monica Potter, Rufus Sewell, Tom Hollander and Joseph Fiennes. Director, Nick Hamm.
Greenwich (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0870-907 0710)

◆ **SCREAM 2** (18): Neve Campbell and the hooded killer return in the sequel to Wes Craven's exuberant post-modern slasher movie. Not as good as before, but fans will flock regardless.
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◆ **SLIDING DOORS** (15): Sacked PR Gwyneth Paltrow finds a new life and boyfriend: or does she? Pleasant romantic comedy, less complex than its fancy structure suggests. With John Hannah. Writer-director, Peter Howitt.
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■ **DANCE**

The coming of Acosta

A man who likes to salsa

The Royal Ballet has invited a hotshot Cuban dancer to join its ranks. Nadine Meisner meets the British-bound Carlos Acosta

Houston, Texas, is a direct plane flight away, but the journey has been more complicated for Carlos Acosta, who arrives from Houston to become the Royal Ballet's newest principal dancer.

Born 24 years ago, the youngest in a black Cuban family of 11 children, he started life in a poor neighbourhood of Havana. His idea of performance was breakdancing and kicking a football on street corners, not wearing sissy tights to strike arabesques — although these would eventually wow American critics into comparisons with Nureyev and Baryshnikov. But communism has always brandished ballet as a cultural ideal, providing free training for suitable children. Acosta's father, a truck driver, perceived ballet as a way of curbing his unruly son and helping to feed him. So at nine he was enrolled in the junior National Ballet School in Havana. "And of course," he says, "I started to have problems because I didn't like ballet. I skipped classes and exams, I was a mess. When I was 13 they fired me from the school." His father, however, found a boarding school in the city of Pinar del Rio so the teachers could keep him in their sights.

> ‘It doesn't matter what colour you are’

Acosta speaks English with the slurred consonants of his Spanish mother-tongue, and he has the laid-back mat:yness of the Caribbean. But there is nothing laid-back about his aims or his dancing. He fires questions at me about the Royal Ballet — how this dancer dances, how that choreographer choreographs — and vacuums up the answers, his intense concentration close to burning a hole in my face.

His ambition dates from when he first saw the National Ballet of Cuba. "Then I promised myself I would be the best I could be." He shaped up; at 14, he was accepted into the senior section of the National Ballet School. He thinks part of his success has been down to "understanding a coach's corrections very quickly. If you don't have that ability it might take you too long to improve."

His dancing has an explosiveness and a stinging clarity. He turns faster, soars through the air more sensationally, stretches into tauter, more perfect lines than anybody else. He should add plenty of excitement to the Royal Ballet's *Raymonda* Act III, where he will partner Miyako Yoshida — although his company debut will be in Forsythe's post-classical *in the middle, somewhat elevated*, on October 20 during the Royal Ballet's season at the new Sadler's Wells Theatre.

The Cuban style of ballet, he says, owes much to Russia, but also shows an American influence. "And, you know, we add to these techniques our own flavour. We are a different people, we are Latin, we like to salsa." He rates the National Ballet School highly. "It works like a company. In other schools maybe they are preparing themselves for only one show at the end of the year, but we did many in a year. So when I was 18 I knew how to be on stage."

He entered the Houston Ballet after several years of zigzagging round the world. Still a student, he spent 1990 on an exchange programme in Italy with the Turin ballet; the same year he won four competitions, including the highly regarded Lausanne and Paris ones. He joined English National Ballet for the 1991-92 season, but a bone spur in his ankle soon forced him off stage. Depressed because surgery in London had failed, he returned to Cuba for a second (successful) operation and became a member of the National Ballet of Cuba in 1993.

With ENB, though, he had worked with Ben Stevenson, dancing in his *Nutcracker* and *Cinderella*. They talked about the possibility of his guesting with Stevenson's own company, the Houston Ballet. How could he penetrate the political barrier between Cuba and the US, short of recklessly jumping in with Cuba's illegal boat emigrants? The solution came on his tours with the Cuban ballet in Spain, which gave him the opportunity of obtaining American visas there, so that later he could fly from Cuba to Houston via South America.

In 1994, after several guest stints, Acosta transferred permanently to Houston, dancing a wide repertoire — Balanchine, Bruce, Stevenson, as well as Stevenson's productions of the classics. He feels immensely indebted to Houston for opening the door to the world and has asked the Royal Ballet to allow him to perform in Houston two fortnights in the year. He says that Stevenson's exceptional teaching polished his raw talent.

"He changed my taste. Before it was — oh, look at that jump, see that turn. But now I understand that what is more important is the art, the meaning. That is the difference with a gymnast. He taught me to be more expressive, more relaxed, more effortless. So when you jump it's like floating and you always think of the line. And you think of how to be a prince, how to stay in character even when you do the pirouettes. Dancers want to do so many pirouettes, and, you know, they forget the character. But you must never let up, you must be expressive in everything you do, otherwise it cuts to pieces the story."

Acosta approached the Royal Ballet because he wants to be on an international stage. He views himself as a role model vaulting into the white, middle-classness of ballet. "I want to show kids who think that ballet is not for them because of the colour of *their* skin. If God gives you a gift it doesn't matter what colour you are. That gift is within you and nothing, nothing need stop it. You must always follow your dream."



Carlos Acosta: "I promised myself I would be the best I could be"

Under a watchful eye

DANCE
Charles Linehan
The Place

Wednesday was quite a day for Charles Linehan. At lunchtime he was awarded the Jerwood prize for young choreographers, worth £17,000. And that night he unveiled his most ambitious work to date, *Rialto*, a piece commissioned by The Place Theatre with funds from the National Lottery, a production that brings this year's Spring Loaded festival to a close.

Linehan, who is fast making a name for himself as resident choreographer of The Place, has undoubted flair. His movement language is easily spoken and streamlined, presenting itself proudly through his fine dancers. But his talent is not yet enough to see him through the 55 minutes of *Rialto*.

The choreography, inspired by the film music of Michel Legrand (and augmented by a commissioned score by Cyrus Gabrysch and a live composition for cello and piano by Terry Edwards), has an internal logic that means the various movements seem naturally compatible. Linehan constructs phrases of dance that end well, giving us a succinct and convincing personal statement.

Like characters on a film set, the seven dancers (including Linehan himself), seem to inhabit a range of scenarios. Relationships are quickly formed and just as quickly disintegrate; disagreements and dark tales are in the air. There are moments of choreographic dialogue and choreographic monologue, but always an alert consciousness that someone, somewhere is watching. The dancers know they are being judged — they even eye each other with shrewd awareness — but they are not overly concerned about their status.

The music, for the most part, washes over *Rialto* with the benign anonymity of most film scores. The cinematic connection resonates in the choreography: at times you can almost hear the director calling out "hold that shot". Linehan has a way of using choreography to create intimacy at a distance, the equivalent of a cinematic close-up. Film footage is projected onto the walls near the end — trees, flowers — although its impact is so minimal you wonder why they bothered.

Rialto works for the first half hour. The problem after the halfway point is that things start to drift. Choreographic patterns become routine, steps limp into phrases, and everything turns cloying and predictable. At this low point, though, Linehan does nothing as a choreographer to re-engage us, as if he is quite content to allow *Rialto* to fade away in the memory like an inconsequential film.

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Both have his genes, one has his talent





Poor old Julian Lennon (left). Five albums into his non-career as standard-bearer for his father's memory, and little brother Sean comes along and shows him how it's done

NEW POP ALBUMS

SEAN LENNON
Into The Sun
(Grand Royal/Parlophone 494 551 £15.99)
JULIAN LENNON
Photograph Smile
(Music From Another Room/Pinnacle MFAR 44 £15.99)

IT IS hard to believe that the release of new albums by each of the Lennon stepbrothers on the same day is a coincidence, as has been claimed. But it is easy to see in which direction the benefit of the inevitable comparisons will flow.

Sean, 22, the only son of John and Yoko Ono, has everything to gain. *Into the Sun*, his debut album, released on the ultra-hip Grand Royal label (owned and run by the Beastie Boys), is a wildly varied and imaginative set of songs, ranging from the gentle bossa nova of the title track to the tempestuous, Smashing Pumpkins-style interludes on *Mystery Juice* and *Spaceship*. His debt to his parents is balanced by an obsessive fondness for the Beach Boys which surfaces on tracks such as *Queue* and *Two Fine Lovers*, but there are touches of wilful eccentricity that are Sean's alone, the best example being *Photosynthesis*, a beguiling pseudo-jazz instrumental that positively radiates creative energy.

For Julian, 35, the only son of John and Cynthia Lennon, the comparisons with Sean are doubtless an unwelcome reminder of the parlous state of a career which, five albums on, is *still* being defined in relation to his father's legacy. Dropped by Virgin in Britain after his previous album in 1991, Julian eventually set up his own label to get *Photograph Smile* released.

You have to admire his persistence, but musically the album is a return to the same, tired old formula, its mood dominated by a bunch of slow, stolid, piano-led songs such as *Walls*, *Cold* and *Believe* that follow the familiar template of *Jealous Guy* and *Imagine*.

SIMPLY RED
Blue
(east west 3984-23097 £15.99)

THE warning bells are not exactly clanging — yet. But the *relatively modest chart debut* (at No 7) this week of *Say You Love Me*, the first single from Simply Red's new album, *Blue*, does not bode well. An approachable tune swathed in greetings-card sentiments about the meaning of life, it would have been expected to do better.

The album itself offers little reassurance. An awkward mixture of new songs and cover versions, *Blue* has a *rather half-baked feel*. There are creditable performances of Dennis Brown's *Ghetto Girl* and Gregory Isaacs's *Night Nurse*, and a respectable, blue-eyed soul take on an obscure Neil Young song, *Mellow My Mind*.

But Mick Hucknall's own compositions sound perfunctory at best: a combination of the usual upmarket dancefloor movers (*To Be Free*, *Broken Man*) and self-absorbed ballads (*Love Has Said Goodbye Again*, *High Fives*) incorporating some curiously banal rhymes ("It's no good living in the past/It's no good at all, you know it don't last").

All might yet have been well but for the inclusion of two versions of *The Air That I Breathe*, a karaoke favourite of such excruciating ubiquity that it is simply no longer susceptible to "tasteful" interpretation. Separated by a cheesy show-tune in the style of Cole Porter called *Someday in My Life*, these twin assaults on the nerve-endings combine to form the album's centrepiece, a spectacular failure of judgment.

As the disappointing sales of recent releases by Phil Collins, R.E.M. and Simple Minds have illustrated, no one in pop *retains the Midas touch by* divine right, and if Simply Red are going to avoid a similar fate, they will need to make better albums than *Blue*.

JEFF BUCKLEY
Sketches for my Sweetheart the Drunk
(Columbia 488661; two discs £15.99)

WHILE it is always tempting to speak well of dead pop stars *for no particularly good reason*, Jeff Buckley really was one of those rare artists whose music exuded a sense of destiny. He drowned two years ago, on the eve of recording his second album, *to have been called My Sweetheart the Drunk*, and this double-CD has been assembled from various pre-production recordings.

In an earlier era the best of *these would simply have been* rushed out as Buckley's new posthumous album, and would probably have passed muster as just that. But with the singer's mother Mary Guibert firmly in charge, they *have instead been presented*, along with various home recordings and other relevant bits and pieces, as a lovingly preserved and scrupulously annotated work in progress.

From the brutal majesty of *The Sky is a Landfill* to the disturbing dissonance of *Murder Suicide Meteor Slave*, there are vivid flashes of Buckley's passionate genius all over this record, although it *does become increasingly difficult* to listen to the further on it gets.

Satisfied Mind, an old country and western song, brings the set to an especially poignant conclusion: "One *thing's for certain, when it* comes my time/I'll leave this old world with a satisfied mind". Although a nice thought, Buckley plainly had far too much still to offer for that to have been true.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	(2)	**International Velvet**	Catatonia (Blanco y Negro)
2	(9)	**All Saints**	All Saints (London)
3	(1)	**Mezzanine**	Massive Attack (Virgin)
4	(–)	**Version 2.0**	Garbage (Mushroom)
5	(4)	**Ray of Light**	Madonna (Maverick)
6	(3)	**Life Thru a Lens**	Robbie Williams (Chrysalis)
7	(5)	**Urban Hymns**	Verve (Hut)
8	(6)	**Best of**	James (Fontana)
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10	(14)	**Talk on Corners**	Corrs (Atlantic)

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A faun without pan pipes

Koop's music may be ambient, but it owes more to Debussy and Coltrane than Clannad, says **Alan Jackson**

ANDREW COTTERILL



Magnus Zingmark (left) and Oskar Simonsson spent months on a remote Swedish island preparing for *Sons of Koop*

Ambient music has become something of a victim of its own success. *Originally perceived as a* kind of free-range, organic alternative to the multi-processed, plastic-wrapped fare served up by the mainstream pop industry, it is in danger of being rebranded as comfort *food for the ears. Whenever* I channel-hop my way across London's FM radio frequency, I seem to encounter adverts for multi-CD or cassette collections of recent chart favourites, especially rerecorded in cod-ambient style by the Mogadon Orchestra or its like, each guaranteed to provide the purchaser with many hours of soothing, stress-free listening.

"This unique collection is not available in any shop," a *mellifluous sales voice* will promise, as if this were a recommendation. "I'm not surprised," I find myself replying, even when there is nobody there to hear me. "Driven slowly mad by the purveyors of 40 Nice'n'Easy Ambient-Style Britpop Hits," some mental health worker will note, when writing up the case notes for my eventual incarceration.

That was always the danger with the genre — that it could too easily be used as a soporific aid by those who, being of a nervous disposition, find other forms of music too, well, intrusive. Brian Eno had wit and irony on his side when he titled a work *Music For Airports*, and proved the point by having it performed on the concourse at Stansted. But as those radio advertisers so readily state, the ambient form can be diluted endlessly, caricatured to the point where it becomes the very essence of neutrality. Which makes it all the more cheering that the record now cutting a swath through the soundscape of normal daytime radio and sounding radically, refreshingly different from anything else on offer is ambient music at its very best.

It is called *Glömd*, and it has attracted unsexy adjectives such as "haunting" and "ethereal" from specialist critics — a plus, no doubt, for Clannad fans, but a turn-off for most other consumers. Don't be deterred. Its makers, Magnus Zingmark, 27, and Oskar Simonsson, 24 — collectively Koop (were they to hail from Upminster, not Sweden's Uppsala, that would be Co-op, and you would get stamps with each purchase) — shudder at any such ambient comparisons: "It suggests music that creates an atmosphere in your dining room, something background," they say, the responsibility for speaking passing back and forth between them. "We want to be *listened to, actively.*"

And they are, by fashion-conscious radio fans ranging *from* those who favour the XFM DJ Garry Crowley, to those tuning in to Kiss FM's acid jazz pioneer Gilles Peterson — fellow Scandinavians Aqua may top the British charts this week, but it could be this duo *which provides us* with the year's most non-formulaic Top 40 hit.

Koop are both surprised and delighted by the response abroad to their track, and its parent album, *Sons of Koop*. At home, only public service broadcasting has supported it, and sales are confined mainly to such *centres of sophistication* as Stockholm and Gothenberg: like the Brits, the rest of the country is too busy listening to Aqua or Ace of Base for *Glömd* (which samples a recording of Debussy's *Prélude à l'Après-Midi d'Un Faune*) to have registered. But the response in France has been positive, and now comes interest from Britain.

"Nobody here is doing the same thing as us. We're not part of any obvious Swedish scene," says Simonsson. And Zingmark adds tartly: "One or two domestic *bands have* started to namecheck us in interviews, though sometimes we wish they wouldn't. We've got more in common with the techno movement here than with what they're doing."

Glömd, and *Sons of Koop*, may rely on the expected ingredients of samplers, mixing desks, drum machines and keyboards, but it is the musical make-up of the two collaborators operating them that makes them so special. Simonsson trained in classical and jazz piano, spent his boyhood listening to John Coltrane and Charlie Parker, not Erasure and the Eurythmics, and was playing in a quintet when he met Zingmark in 1993. His partner, meanwhile, was a DJ who gradually became frustrated by Swedish clubland's limitations. Simonsson became a regular attender of Zingmark's weekly club, Popcorn.

"I'd be there until the bitter end," he says. "We had lots of musical interests in common, but specialist areas of knowledge, too. We'd introduce each other to new music. That's how the working partnership grew."

They prepared for the recording of the album, released in Sweden on the small independent label Colombe D'Or but available here through Universal, by retreating *for three months to the* archipelago of Grāsö, 200km north of Stockholm, and listening constantly to music, mainly classical or melancholic 1950s Scandinavian jazz. Simonsson's parents have a holiday home on the island, but off season it is an inhospitable place; the hours of daylight are few and it is an hour's walk to the nearest shop.

"We found ourselves coming home to Stockholm most weekends, for fear of going mad," grins Zingmark. "It's not an accident that the only track on the album we recorded and mixed there, rather than at Koopland, is called *Hell's Bells*. But Grāsö was crucial to the album's overall mood."

To meet Koop, I travel to Stockholm, now European *City of Culture. There, in an* irony that Brian Eno in particular would appreciate, myself and their UK-press officer find that its charms are denied to us. Every city centre hotel has been booked by delegates to an international medical conference, and the rooms reserved for us overlook both the airport runway on which we have just landed, and the seating area within the concourse's McDonald's franchise.

No matter. *Sons of Koop* sounds as magnificent when played through headphones there as it does anywhere else I have heard it. A pan pipe-ambient version of *Glömd* is *unlikely to turn up on Melody* FM in the near future, but this still represents the very best Music for Airports — or, indeed, anywhere else.

No, Andy isn't Thom — and we should be grateful for that Unbelievable Truth

Up to you, new Yorke

The request is insistent. "*Creep!* Play *Creep!*" The venue is a large Victorian drawing room, with every inch painted black. The stage is in a huge ex-fireplace; the drum-kit is below the flue. Above the stage, on a washing line, is a faded sleeve from the single *I Think We're Alone Now* by ginger Eighties teenager Tiffany. Presumably, this is here as a sign that *this is* A Place Where Music Happens; a reminder to little alt-rock bands that, when they come to Swansea, they are vying with greats.

"Play *Creep!*" The demand *is shriller, more drunken and* nearly hysterical.

It's 1.30am. The audience is very drunk and very odd: big shouty men; diminutive Britpop moppets with Baby Spice pigtails; headbanging heavy-metal kids in sweat and leather. The shouting is the zoo-yelping of freakshow voyeurs — tonight, the brother of *someone famous has put him*self on a stage to be gawped at.

Andy Yorke — brother of Radiohead's Thom — stands, shiny, embarrassed and breaking, under a spotlight. *All his publicity photographs*, save one, have him with his head ducked away from the lens. Talking to him is like tickling trout: if you move too quickly, he shoots into the reeds with panicked eyes.



CAITLIN MORAN

In the dressing room beforehand, drummer Nigel Powell and bassist Jason Poulster chat away, while Andy tends to a little notebook; writing down the conversations he feels too awkward actually to *have. When asked* to explain why he has had a lyrical block since finishing his debut album, he mumbles that he only writes lyrics when he is unhappy. And recently . . . there is a pause.

"He's in love," Nigel supplies helpfully, and Andy blushes down at the floor.

Onstage, he has his guitar across his chest like a shield, and sings with his eyes closed.

"*Creep!*" Andy's band, Unbelievable Truth, do not make music that harmonises well with lager-shouting. Their debut album, *Almost Here*, is all rainy dusks and muted minor-key circle-walking, broken apart by vivid Fabergé surprises: a spiralling, skylarking harmony; the utterly unexpected take-off in *Finest Little Space*.

It is the sound of worried men trying to find release. Its febrile vulnerability is also why tonight the shiny man standing in a fireplace makes up one *of the more agonis*ing scenes from the Bosch-frieze that is pop music.

Still, Andy is determined that this is the right thing to do and the right time to do it: he broke up the band once before, halfway though recording their debut album, because "the time didn't feel right". He *ran away to Moscow in 1996*, and worked for Greenpeace as a translator, before re-forming the band, and finishing the album in six weeks.

It would appear, on the surface, to be the very worst of times for the Unbelievable Truth to re-form. Contrary to several press comments, being the brother of one of the most lauded artists in Britain can only hinder his own career.

But Andy is made of tough, fibrous stuff: as the crowd bellows again for his brother, he puts his guitar down and *sends his drummer offstage*. He stands alone in the spotlight and sings *a cappella* into the maw of the flushed, roaring audience. It's the title track of the album, *Almost Here* itself: a tiny, troubled, trance-like hymn, sung by a salt-sick shipwreck clinging to the last unsunk plank in the Pacific.

His voice neither falters nor breaks for a note. It would be wonderful to say that the audience hush for him, and sigh as the song ends, and split their hands with fevered clapping. Instead, they spill their pints, talk to their mates and *call for his brother. But in* three years they will lie, and say they called for him.

● Almost Here *is out now on Virgin Records*

Pieces of strings

JAZZ ALBUMS

GUY BARKER
What Love Is
(EmArcy 558 331-2)
WYNTON MARSALIS
The Midnight Blues
(Columbia 68921)

JAZZ with strings projects fall roughly into two groups: the genuinely interactive, in which the strings swing courtesy of an arranger's skill, and the "pretty lushness behind a soloist". British trumpeter *Guy Barker's collaboration* with arranger Colin Towns is a triumph in the former category, pairing material by modern jazz masters such as Monk, Ornette Coleman and Jimmy Rowles with imaginative reworkings of standards.

Wynton Marsalis's standard-ballads album falls into *the latter group*, all the listener's attention being directed by the relatively straightforward string arrangements to the burnished beauty and purity *of the Marsalis trumpet tone*. Thus, while Barker's album will appeal to jazz aficionados, Marsalis's is more likely to attract a cross-over audience.

MICHAEL BRECKER
Two Blocks from the Edge
(Impulse! IMP 12612)

EMPLOYING his working *band — pianist Joey Calder*azzo, bassist James Genus, drummer Jeff "Tain" Watts and percussionist Don Alias — instead of studio stars has imbued tenor maestro Michael Brecker's overall group sound with an infectious exuberance. But the focus is, as ever, on the tightly controlled garrulity of the most influential saxophone style in contemporary jazz.

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Nicky Campbell's switch from Radio 1 to Radio 5 won him a Sony award for the top talk show

They were clubbing, I was watching videos

Nicky Campbell was heading for the graveyard shift on Radio 1 — now he feels reborn, says **Carol Midgley**

IT IS noon and Nicky Campbell is just finishing his three-hour, Radio 5 Live talk show. Among the many subjects discussed this morning have been the Sierra Leone scandal, Bolton Wanderers' relegation and Elizabeth Hurley's knickers.

Each of these topics is equally crucial to the remit of BBC's newest radio station. The kaleidoscopic nature of its programmes and its ability to be serious without taking itself too seriously was a major factor in it romping home with seven Sony awards, including Station of the Year, last week.

Campbell, 37, a migrant from Radio 1 and former host of the TV game show *Wheel of Fortune*, won a gold award for Best Daytime Talk Show, a programme he has hosted since October. Unlike many former Radio 1 DJs who found themselves heading for the relative obscurity of commercial radio when their time on the turntable was up, Campbell has found himself growing in stature.

His political interviews and debates are now regarded as some of the most incisive on radio, while his smoothie, satirical style has landed him with the label the Cerebral Scot. Within the BBC, he has a reputation for being affable but prone to occasional pomposity tantrums. However, he is fetchingly self-deprecating about the fact that had 5 Live not rescued him, he would have been destined for Radio 1's dreaded graveyard shift.

"I could see where I was heading on Radio 1 — and it was inevitably that Sunday-into-Monday through the night slot," he says. "It's where we all end up. Basically, I got out at the right time. I was beginning to feel like a sad old git. There I was in the office with really talented people coming up aged 22 and 23 and I was thinking 'God, what's going on here?'

"At the weekend I was there with my Chinese carryouts watching videos with the missus and they'd been out clubbing all night. They'd be talking in a language you didn't understand — like 'yo' and 'happening' — really bright and intelligent people but very much of a different generation.

"Matthew Bannister [Director of BBC Radio] was great, he didn't want me to go. I said 'well, you'll eventually fire me anyway' and he said 'yes but not for a couple of years'.

"Here, I no longer feel like a sad old git, I'm a young buck! It is nice to work with people your own age. And older."

If life is looking good for Campbell at the moment (his second wife Tina Ritchie, head of news at Virgin Radio, is expecting their first child in November), it comes after a period of some turbulence in his domestic affairs. In 1993 he quit Radio 1 for a short time, declaring that he wanted to care full-time for his first wife Linda who was suffering from ME. She later claimed in a tabloid newspaper, however, that this was a sham and he was using her illness to hide the fact that his career was flagging (Radio 1 denied this). An ugly divorce ensued and Campbell was left with what appears to be lasting distrust of tabloids.

He is still sensitive. "I have no problem with the tabloids," he says, a little tetchily. "If you dish it out you have to be able to take it... all I am pissed off about is that it's four years later and I am still talking about my divorce. It's [journalists'] lack of imagination, it is lazy to keep going back to it. Why not go forward?

"But it certainly does toughen you up and make you stronger. I just went on radio that day and said 'well, I don't know about you but I'm having a bitch of a day' and that was it."

Campbell, who was born in Edinburgh and gained a degree in history from Aberdeen University, always stood out as being politically opinionated on Radio 1, unlike most of his colleagues. Last year in the *New Statesman* he said that his beliefs were influenced by Lenin, Trotsky and Alan Clark. Asked who was the greatest Prime Minister we never had, he said: "William Hague, hopefully."

It has been suggested that he might become another James Naughtie for Radio 4's *Today* programme. Like *Today*, his show lasts three hours but he holds it up single-handed.

Campbell, however, admits that he rarely listens to Radio 4. "*Today* doesn't do much for me, to be honest. I don't find it wakes me up in the mornings.

"I don't even have time to listen to the wife on Virgin, unless the cab driver has it on in the car. I listen to 5 Live and a bit of Radio 1. My choice is Melody Radio. I like a bit of singalong on the way to work."

the media interview

Campbell, who worked for Scottish ILR and London's Capital Radio before joining Radio 1 in 1987, says he would never return to music radio because he enjoys the cut and thrust of debate too much.

"Radio is so compartmentalised now. It is like we have special radio stations for people with beards who drink real ale, have 2.2 children and drive Ford Escorts. The days when I was really enjoying Radio 1 was when I thought it was possible to play punk rock and the Beatles and Frank Sinatra and jungle because I like all those things. We can all too often underestimate the catholic choice of people."

He said playlists were so computerised now it took the fun out of the job. "Radio 1 still has the broadest range of music but I remember people, who I don't think are there now, who would say 'Bryan Adams's *(Everything I Do) I Do For You* is a 65 per center'. It means 65 per cent of the audience will have a negative reaction to it. That takes all the passion and all the emotion out of music, everything comes down to a computer printout.

"It is now all seven-second links. I have friends in commercial radio and they are so bloody frustrated.

"I enjoy 5 Live more than anything I've ever done. It's great walking that tightrope for three hours. You are exposed, like skiing in the nude."

The station's forte — blending sport, current affairs, news and showbiz — is also Campbell's.

"The mix of light and serious is great. Some people ask how we can follow a serious subject with a frivolous one but that's how people's minds work when they are in the pub. One minute you are discussing the latest terrorist atrocity in Northern Ireland and the next you are saying 'What about Ruud Gullit?' "

Campbell won his award for an extraordinary on-air exchange in December. While he was interviewing Gerry Adams, Colin Parry, whose son Tim was blown up by an IRA bomb in Warrington, phoned in to make a point. "We said to Adams: 'Look, we are not trying to ambush you but will you take the call?' He said yes. It was just electric. Really civilised, you know, 'Good morning Mr Parry, good morning Mr Adams.' Six minutes of it. Ostensibly, there was no anger and passion coming out, but it was all there under the surface."

Campbell is full of praise for big personality presenters like Chris Evans, who is, of course, his wife's boss.

"Chris Evans could go on Radio 1 tomorrow, play the Radio 1 agenda and bring in many, many more listeners because he is a huge personality," he says. "Noel Edmonds's greatest days were on the radio, not funky frolics with Mr Blobby. It's the same with the [Kenny] Everetts and the Steve Wrights. That's why people like Chris Evans are so important today. They are a dying breed."

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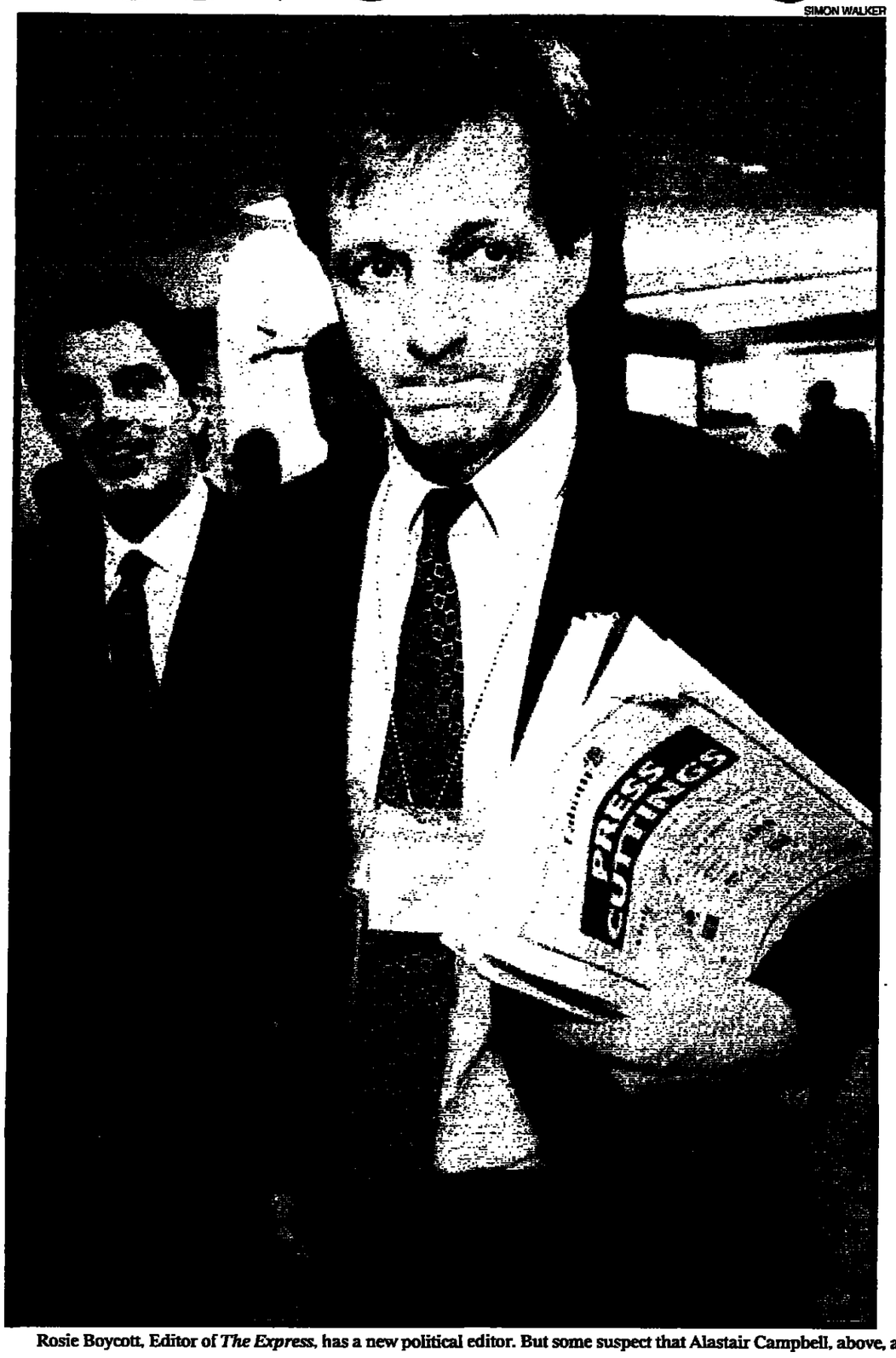
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Who's wagging the dog?

Downing Street is suspected of interfering with appointments on *The Express*. But Charles Lewington says it only happens with a compliant proprietor

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Rosie Boycott, Editor of *The Express*, has a new political editor. But some suspect that Alastair Campbell, above, and Lord Hollick, right, have influenced the decision

There was a time when we *Daily Express* political journalists would joke that we only wrote two stories. One was: "Another triumph for Maggie." Option two was: "Another disaster for Kinnock." Often, a variant of both stories would appear on the same day.

In a changed political world under a new proprietor, it looks as if the reverse may soon become the norm at Ludgate House, with journalists substituting Blair for Maggie and Hague for Kinnock. I sincerely hope not.

The unquestioning support given to Thatcher and John Major by both *Express* titles in the 1980s and early 1990s may have helped the Conservatives but it didn't help their circulation.

If the new Editor of *The Express*, Rosie Boycott, turns the papers into propaganda sheets for Tony Blair, her proprietor, the Labour-supporting Lord Hollick, will swell with pride. But the smile will quickly leave his face if Boycott does not improve the bottom line. The word from the third floor of Express Newspapers is that she will be "no patsy" despite the alleged nobbling by Downing Street of her first-choice political editor, Paul Routledge.

> 'The issue says more about Hollick than spin-doctors'

Both sides confirm that Routledge, author of an authorised biography of the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, and an in-hand unauthorised biography of Peter Mandelson, was verbally offered the job by Boycott. He accepted. Days passed with no confirmation of the offer. Then his prearranged lunch with Boycott was cancelled because she was summoned to a lunch with Hollick.

After it emerged that *The Independent's* Tony Bevins was to get the job instead, an Express Newspapers press officer, curiously, made no attempt to deny the charge of political interference. She is said to have told *The Observer* columnist Nick Cohen: "Paul Routledge is going to make a lot of money out of his book on Mandelson" — as if somehow that would be compensation for not getting the job.

Boycott's friends say she has an impulsive streak and decided against appointing Routledge after reflecting on the choice for a few days. As one Boycott ally protested: "Paul wouldn't be the first journalist to be verbally offered a job only to have it withdrawn later." The idea that Downing Street intervened was described as "ludicrous".

Campbell denies that he vetoed Routledge, although he is on record as describing Bevins as his "favourite journalist". For his part, Routledge is convinced of the interference of Mandelson, who is, by all accounts, doing everything in his power to thwart Routledge's biography and had a long meeting with Boycott last Thursday after Bevins's appointment.

It is a delicious irony that Bevins, who quit the lobby system in 1986 because he wouldn't be "party to collective news management", may now be a beneficiary of a news manager's patronage. And there is the looming presence of Philip Gould, the adroit new Labour pollster who operates out of Ludgate House and is in the habit of advising *Express* executives of what "Tony is thinking" at any given moment. Certainly, Routledge was not on the list of favoured columnists named by Mandelson in Monday's *Guardian*. For anyone interested, they are Philip Stephens of the *Financial Times*, and Don Macintyre of *The Independent*.

Routledge's friends say he was hardly likely to wage a vendetta against Blair under the watchful gaze of Hollick who, by coincidence, was a shy sociology student at Nottingham in 1965 when Routledge was editing the university newspaper. "Paul is hardly Tariq Ali," says his chum Cohen. "He just happens to be a good friend of Gordon Brown's."

The difficulty with Boycott's protestations of innocence is that her proprietor has form. Nick Wood, the Conservative-supporting political editor hired by the former *Express* Editor, Richard Addis, a year before the general election, was ousted shortly after Labour's victory when the press baron took soundings at No 10. Addis made little secret of Hollick's role in Wood's dismissal.

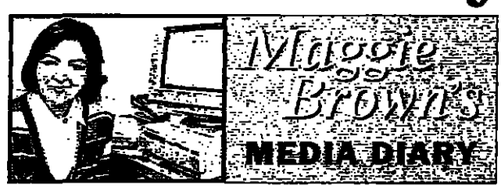
Also, anyone who knows Routledge, his Strangers Bar *modus operandi* and his close friendship with the Chancellor's spin-doctor, Charlie Whelan, could see that he would be an unlikely ambassador for the *New Express* in the court of King Tony.

Stephen Glover, in his first column in the *Daily Mail* on Tuesday, opined that the incident tells us as much about the turf war between Brown and Blair and their respective acolytes as it does about new Labour's iron grip on the press. He misses the point; the villain in this story is really Hollick because there can be no overt manipulation of any newspaper without the acquiescence of a proprietor. Downing Street press secretaries have tried to bully and cajole the press since time immemorial. But they never got very far without willing accomplices. If Campbell or Mandelson can control the appointment of a political editor, this says more about Hollick's eagerness to please than the spin-doctors' reach. Even Lord Stevens of Ludgate, at the height of Thatcher's power, would not have agreed to a Downing Street veto on any staff appointment, any more than Sir Bernard Ingham would have attempted to try it on. In all the many words devoted to the demonisation of my former trade, a little fact is often forgotten. To be a successful press officer — as Ingham insists on calling them — someone has to allow themselves to be spun. Editors who argue about the Campbells and Mandelsons of this world should ask themselves why many of their crusaders after the truth are happy to be spun like tops; why journalists who are proud of the position of the free press should swallow a bogus Downing Street briefing for fear of being banned from the PM's next foreign tour. They are not obliged to get up in the night on Campbell's orders for a press conference so that they could "doughnut" the Prime Minister in front of cameras, as the pack was asked to do in Cairo.

The answer to these difficult questions is more prosaic than many scribblers would care to admit. Journalists want scoops and they want to get on in life, so they co-operate with a powerful new Government with a big majority. That's the way the world works. But let's not pretend that this is an issue about undue government pressure on journalists. It is about the relationship between the political master and his servant, one that never lasts for ever. I should know.

● *Charles Lewington was political editor of the* Sunday Express *before becoming director of communications of the Conservative Party. He is chairman of Media Strategy, a company offering PR advice to blue-chip companies.*

No longer a case of any questions



■ LEFT in charge of *The Mirror* recently, the deputy editor, Tina Weaver, decreed that the readers should have the opportunity to quiz the Prime Minister. Readers duly sent in their questions, which would have reached Tony Blair had Weaver not ditched their inquiries about hospital waiting lists, trade unionism and Ireland. Instead she substituted: Do you mind losing your hair? Do you have a lucky charm and who does the cooking at No 10?



Chris Smith: accepted invitation

■ WHISPER it softly, the BBC's governors are heading off for their annual retreat with their top executives on Wednesday to the Wood Norton conference centre, to review the past year, tasks undone and the digital launch ahead. Outstanding business includes the gargantuan review of news and current affairs — Tony Hall, the BBC News Chief Executive, promised to publish audience research, but it's still not surfaced. Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary, has swallowed his dislike of these events, and accepted the customary invitation to dinner. He may well bring the meeting up to date on the imminent appointment of four new BBC governors, including a deputy chairman. Smith may be interested in the following titbit. The new scratchcard show, *Big Ticket*, is being hailed as the most successful Saturday night launch for years. Its producers think it would be even more effective if the top prize is raised to £250,000.

■ THEY certainly do things differently in Italy. The Prix Italia, Europe's most prestigious annual awards, is always well attended because it is held in September in a succession of historic Italian cities. This year, the 50th anniversary, it was to be held in Rome. But I hear it has suddenly been switched to Assisi. Why? All part of the attempt to put the tourist trade back on its feet after the earthquake. The link between State and broadcasting has never been clearer.

■ TO LUNCH with Classic FM, currently celebrating a big boost in weekly listeners to five million. But the company leading the shift to digital radio has a problem. Digital broadcasting will spell the end of FM frequencies. Listeners will find stations by searching for the name. All those jingles will be redundant. The problem is really acute for commercial radio stations, which have frequently incorporated the bandwidth into the name, such as Radio 106 FM (Nottingham). The BBC has been wise to stick to simple numbers and has largely bagged the obvious place names, such as Radio Sheffield, Radio Leicester. Stand by to be confused by a giant rebanding exercise.

■ KELVIN MACKENZIE has broken the habit of a lifetime. Now deputy chief executive of Mirror Group, he has just recruited a broadsheet journalist for the first time. "Well, the world changes," he says. John Mulholland, 35, the Irish-born editor of *The Guardian's* Media section for the past three years, has been wooed to relaunch *The Sporting Life*, closed this week, as a popular daily sports tabloid in October, with a Saturday magazine. Mulholland, who kick-started *The Guardian's* successful Friday sports tabloid two years ago, will have a staff of 80 and a brief to sell about 100,000 a day. "He has a vision of the paper which absolutely fits like a glove with our own," says MacKenzie.

It is a real departure to see *The Guardian* raided for talent by the tabloids. My advice to Mulholland? In these torrid hire-and-fire days, make sure your lawyer writes you a watertight contract.

■ EVERYONE noticed that Rupert Murdoch called on Tony Blair on Tuesday. But what most missed is that he was not the only newspaper proprietor to drop in. On the same day Lord Hollick also met Blair, with his Editor, Rosie "Rizla" Boycott. I wonder if they discussed Paul Routledge?

A meeting of conservative yin and old Labour yang

GOD moves in mysterious ways. Cristina Odone, the former Editor of *The Catholic Herald*, is joining the *New Statesman* next week as deputy editor. The odd thing is that the personable Italian never struck anyone as particularly interested in Labour politics (she is not a party member), being more likely to pop up on *Thought for the Day* than at a Demos think-tank. "We're very surprised," says an executive at *The Daily Telegraph*, where she has been the television reviewer, bending her mind to *Teletubbies* and *The Eurovision Song Contest*, for the past 20 months. But Odone, 37, convinced *New Statesman's* new Editor, Peter Wilby, of her energy, and of her aim to inject a caustic edge — the writers Tony Parsons, Ian Hislop and Richard Ingrams are on her shopping list. "My lips are sealed," she says on the subject of the magazine's appetite for the pompous ramblings of Demos. "If you look at what Blair is about, it is Christian socialism. That is what *The Catholic Herald* is about," breezes Odone, who got to know Wilby by contributing book reviews to the weekly. "Peter is so sweet, a little bunny, I really like him. He is more old Labour, I'm more conservative on moral issues and more touchie-feelie, but we'll be a strong team, like yin and yang."

The truth is that Wilby, the former Editor of the *Independent on Sunday*, is a fine journalist but, like his predecessor at *New Statesman*, Ian Hargreaves, not a media personality. Odone, as a frontwoman popping up on television and radio, may feminise its image and serve the magazine very well.



Odone: shopping for writers

Good omen for News at Ten fans

IT HAS become an article of faith for ITV that its declining audience share will be fixed when it abolishes *News at Ten*, shunting off the housewives' favourite, Trevor McDonald, to a new slot at 6.30pm. But it may be barking up the wrong tree. Audience research places a large economic question mark over the plan, which also remains a controversial and politically sensitive issue. The proposed "new" evening schedule, killing off one of ITV's most distinctive brands, is already being tested with advertisers.

They are working out how much extra revenue might be raised from a schedule dominated by entertainment, drama and popular factual programmes, running through peak time to 11pm when there would be a new late-night ITN bulletin. But independent research by the consultant Paradigm for ITN shows that the plan may backfire. It claims that ITV runs the danger of losing for good those highly desirable upmarket viewers who regularly tune in for *News at Ten*, and are simply not at home at 6.30pm for its replacement.

The decline in ITV audiences between 8pm and 8.30pm, and between 9pm and 10pm are greater than those for *News at Ten*. It suggests, says Paradigm, that other programmes (such as tired dramas) are the weaker links.

Further, *News at Ten's* audience is skewed towards those desirable social groups, ABC1s, especially ABC1 men. The percentage of its audiences in the ABC1 category is 42.7 per cent. This compares with the national average of 37.8 per cent, and ITV's average, for all programmes, of 33.2 per cent. This makes it the most upmarket of all prime-time television news. There are senior executives within ITV who are suddenly acknowledging that the 6.2 million *News at Ten* audience is looking increasingly solid and impressive, as audiences elsewhere wilt. They also say they don't know whether ITV can stump up £20-30 million a year to pay for the kind of replacements needed for post-10pm. The final point is that the move of *News at Ten* is being driven largely by Carlton, the ITV contractor now embroiled in the investigation into whether its Colombian drugs documentary, *The Connection*, was faked: it may emerge with its influence weakened.

The other great power bloc, Granada, is far less sure about the necessity to kill off *News at Ten*, arguing that improved new programmes at 10.30pm rather than regional weather and news might better suit the network.

This belated recognition of the strength of ITN's performance, and the soaring value placed on established branded programmes may also combine with the tough stance outlined by the regulator, Sir Robin Biggam, the chairman of the Independent Television Commission, was reported on these pages last week as saying any revamped schedule would have to face up to a public consultation, and demonstrate a commitment to diversity.

As concern mounts about the survival of quality television, there is a growing belief that *News at Ten* deserves to win through.

MAGGIE BROWN

media times

Oops! It's a Mirror scoop

A new City page in *The Mirror* hopes to attract money-minded readers. But a flawed business splash may have undermined its credibility, says Martin Waller

A new star blazed forth in the financial firmament on Monday. Anil Bhoyrul — formerly of *Sunday Business*, in its racier incarnation, and *Business Age*, another financial publication with a reputation for keeping its lawyers in sports cars — arrived at *The Mirror*.

So the paper splashed on his first story. "Asda and Safeway in £10 billion merger", ran the headline. The two "are poised to announce a £10 billion merger to create Britain's biggest supermarket chain".

There was only one problem with Bhoyrul's "scoop". It was wrong. As the City digested the story on Monday morning, it became apparent that not only were both companies denying the story, they had denied it most emphatically to *The Mirror* a week earlier.

A source at one of the companies went further. She said that Bhoyrul had been harassing her desperately to get her to say they were in talks. On Sunday night, as the first editions arrived and other papers got to work on the story, she gave her word that she knew nothing of a merger. The truth seems to be that Asda and Safeway were in talks earlier this year, which broke down. This fact was well covered on the financial pages. They would probably like to merge; they may merge one day. But they are in no way "poised" to merge.

In his new City page inside *The Mirror*, flagged as "The Column Bosses Will Fear", Bhoyrul attempted to justify his story. "Asda and Safeway both deny the meetings are taking place. Well, they would, wouldn't they?"

But the decision of *The Mirror* to splash on such a story indicates an increasing interest in the City. The last time a tabloid tried this was more than a decade ago when Kelvin MacKenzie, now, note well, boss at Mirror Group, was instructed to beef up *The Sun's* City pages. The man put in charge was Damien McCrystal, now diary editor on the revamped *Sunday Business*; he lasted eight months, good going for a *Sun* City editor.

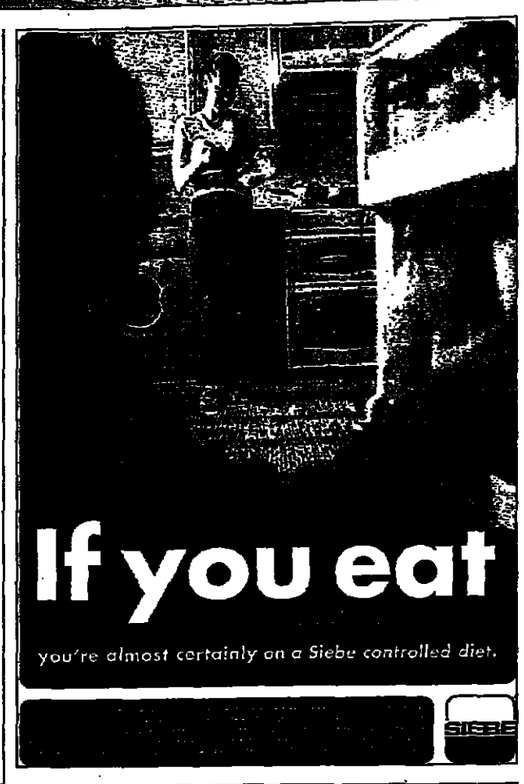
"There were two sets of people I was trying to appeal to," he recalls. "All the guys on the City dealing desks read *The Sun* for Page Three and the humour, rather than for business coverage, which they were getting from the *Financial Times*.

"Then there was a new breed of private shareholders. One had to strike a balance between the two." McCrystal did this by covering the usual run of City stories in classic truncated *Sun* style while running high-profile campaigns. For example, he called for the sacking of the then chairman of the Stock Exchange, Sir Nicholas Goodison, by taking Page Three girls into the City to hand out lapel buttons reading "Goodison Must Go".

Market research at the time suggested 20 per cent of *Sun* readers owned shares, mainly as a result of the privatisations of the 1980s, so there was, and still is, a market for tabloid City stories. The question is whether *The Mirror* will settle down to produce a hard-hitting City column or continue with a series of dubious "scoops".

The "Freddie Starr Ate My Hamster" approach to business journalism carries with it a serious flaw. For a writer hoping to influence people's investment decisions, credibility counts. Too many wrong leads, and you are no use to the boys in the dealing room. And private shareholders who have lost out following newspapers' tips sometimes ring City desks and ask for their money back.

● *Martin Waller is deputy City editor of* The Times



The ads to reinforce a reputation

Raymond Snoddy looks at the Saatchi campaign for a major corporation

TEAM Saatchi, the corporate advertising specialist within the Saatchi & Saatchi group, has launched a new marketing campaign — on behalf of corporate advertising.

Michael Parker, the chief executive of Team Saatchi, is appealing to directors of big corporations not to neglect polishing up the corporate brand image.

"A lot of people do corporate advertising when they launch something, or after they have had a catastrophe. I am convinced, and I think the City is, too, that corporate advertising is one part of building a corporate brand," says Parker.

The agency this week launched its latest campaign, for Siebe, the global engineering company specialising in controls and automation, which is capitalised at about £34 billion. The campaign — with copylines such as "If you eat, you're most likely on a Siebe-controlled diet" or "If you fly, Siebe controls always ensure a warm welcome at Heathrow" — is aimed at relatively few people. The target audience is limited to financial institutions, and to investors — or potential ones — in the company, which means that the advertising campaign is focused on *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Financial Times* and a few large poster sites in Central London or at airports.

"There is nothing you can buy in the shops with the Siebe logo so we will never be a household name. We don't need to be. We could spend a huge amount of money on TV advertising and it wouldn't achieve much because there would be a lot of wastage," says Barry Francis, Siebe group's public relations director. Siebe's own tracking studies have shown a big increase in awareness of the engineering group among the target audience after the corporate campaigns.

Michael Parker has been working with the consultancy Corporate Branding Partnership to try to put a financial value on corporate advertising. Their recent study of factors influencing the share price of Fortune 500 companies concluded: "Corporate brand reputation has a direct influence on 5 per cent, and an indirect one on 75 per cent, of the factors explaining stock price. And the most important factor is determining the strength of corporate brand reputation, weighing in at a hefty 30 per cent."

It is an argument that Parker hopes to exploit with the help of campaigns such as the one for Siebe.



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Why false images betray trust

Everybody knows by now that most of the extras on *Titanic* didn't exist outside a microchip and that without the latest computer graphics the film could hardly have been made. With fiction, the onward march of special effects presents no problem. It is when the "special effects" invade the real world of journalism that the worries start.

Any picture can now be digitally manipulated to show anything in ways that would have delighted the old Soviet Politburo. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, last week renewed his criticism of the London *Evening Standard* for illustrating his "I am middle-class now" speech with a picture that included a bottle of champagne. A bottle of beer, Prescott said, had been airbrushed out and replaced with something more appropriate for the story. The slippery slope is obvious once you start tampering with original images.

Overall, it has been a bad few days for the credibility of the media. On Wednesday the *New Republic* magazine sacked an associate editor, Stephen Glass, for making up a story about teenage computer hackers being in such demand that they have started hiring agents. According to *New Republic*, there are "potential problems" with some of the 40 other articles Glass has written for *New Republic*. His work has also appeared in publications such as *The Washington Post*, *Harper's* and *GQ*. It is notoriously difficult to spot people who are prepared to make things up for money or in the hope that it will advance their career, although eventually they usually go too far, the lie becomes too implausible, and someone notices.


Raymond Snoddy

By far the most worrying case in recent days is the prize-winning Carlton documentary *The Connection*, about a supposedly new drug route into Britain from Colombia. A *Guardian* investigation has presented a weight of evidence that the programme was a fake. The details, many of which are disputed, are now a matter for Carlton's internal investigation. Some of the key points can quite easily be checked. Did the programme-makers pay for the airline ticket of the so-called drug "mule"? Did he fail to get into Britain, and was the man portrayed as the number three in the Cali drugs cartel really a retired bank clerk?

The matter is of such importance that an external inquiry by a distinguished documentary maker such as Sir Jeremy Isaacs would have been far better than an internal Carlton investigation calling on outside expert advice. If, as seems likely, *The Connection* is found to have been deeply flawed, larger issues will remain. Viewers deserve to know whether it is a one-off or whether there are more organic problems at the heart of Carlton, or indeed the new more commercial ITV as a whole, that are starting to pollute serious documentary-making.

It would also be interesting to know whether, after eight months' work, it really was a coincidence that the *Guardian* investigators, with former links to Granada's *World in Action* programme, should report their findings in the very week that Carlton was applying for one of the largest current affairs commissions ever to be put out by the BBC. Only the broadest investigation by the Independent Television Commission will be enough to satisfy viewers that the new world of television choice will not be marked by cutting corners and creeping falsity.

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The black faces of broadcasting: the BBC's Martin Bashir, the BBC correspondent George Alagiah, the writer and television actress Meera Syal, and ITN's newsreader Trevor McDonald. The BBC has now met its target for ethnic minorities

Can papers be accused of racism?

Only one in a hundred media employees comes from an ethnic minority, with most of them in broadcasting. But where are they in newspapers, asks **Anjana Ahuja**

Thanks to my unusual name, every article I write proclaims my membership of an exclusive club. Belonging to it is neither a matter of choice nor money. You are either born with the credentials or you're not.

I am one of a relatively small circle of newspaper journalists from ethnic minorities. We don't normally think about it but last night was different. Four hundred people gathered at the Dorchester for the Ethnic Minority Media Awards (Emma), sponsored by a myriad companies, including NatWest Bank. It was a chance to marvel at how many of us have "made it" in journalism, publishing, and advertising and entertainment.

Yet it was also illusory. Bobby Ayyub Syed, organiser of the Emma awards, says only one in a hundred media employees in Britain comes from an ethnic minority. It could be that very few apply. Or could it be that not everyone is getting a fair chance?

To ward against the latter, some British organisations have followed the American lead with positive discrimination. This policy has achieved results. Although the American Society of Newspaper Editors (Asne) announced recently that it was relinquishing its 20-year-old goal of reflecting the ethnic make-up of the American population in the newsroom, it estimates that 15 per cent of American newspaper journalists are from ethnic minorities (their target is 26 per cent).

The BBC used to set aside a number of its coveted news trainee places for ethnic minorities. It no longer does so because it has met its 8 per cent target. The Scott Trust, which owns *The Guardian* and *The Observer*, reserves two of its six annual journalism school bursaries. "The bursaries are intended to benefit people who show journalistic ability, but who may not otherwise enter the profession," says Louise Mather, the bursary scheme co-ordinator.

"We recognise that ethnic minorities may not have the opportunity to come in. It creates role models, which further encourage other people in. But we don't award the bursaries if we don't find suitable candidates, and whoever we interview must fulfil the criteria set by the university we are sending them to."

Other organisations, including *The Times*, would not countenance such a policy. "It would be unfair to all concerned if people thought that some journalists had got there on the colour of their skin," says George Brock, the managing editor. "The beneficiaries would be put in an invidious position.

"But among the 400 applications for graduate traineeships that we get every year, the number of Asian candidates is rising steadily, and they will win places on merit in increasing numbers." Even though the number of Afro-Caribbean applicants remains low, this would still not prompt *The Times* to consider special incentives, he says.

A similar polarity in opinion is voiced by black and Asian journalists themselves, although the issue seems so delicate that most prefer to speak anonymously. One black broadsheet journalist argues that positive discrimination is not necessary; editors should simply open their eyes.

"If editors actually looked at the best clippings that landed on their desks, they would find that a sizeable proportion of them are from non-white journalists," he says. "We can make it on achievement." He makes a commercial argument — ethnic minority reporters bring in expertise, such as knowledge of different languages and cultures, and therefore open up the newspaper to a new audience. He would like to see race relations correspondents. "It works well in America. Race generates the biggest mailbags, which shows how much people are interested in it." That doesn't mean that race stories should necessarily be dished out to black reporters. "If it's a hard news piece, give it to the best news reporter. If it's a political piece, give it to a political reporter," he says.

Syed is also against positive discrimination, because it smacks of tokenism. "People should not be recruited simply because their face fits. What if they don't succeed? Not only are they letting themselves down, they stigmatise a whole community," he says.

Others are keenly supportive of positive discrimination. Shekhar Bhatia, a writer at *The Express*, says there has been so much negative discrimination over the years that a helping hand might make up for it: "I have never had a problem at *The Express* but I have worked at other newspapers where news editors sent round racist messages on the screen. That wouldn't happen if there were more blacks and Asians in the office."

One Asian broadsheet journalist echoes a commonly held view that other groups of people have enjoyed positive discrimination. "People have got certain jobs because they have belonged to the old-boy network, have gone to certain universities, colleges, even schools. It shows the problems are to do with sex and class as well.

"I would endorse positive discrimination because it has got to be better than what we've got now, which is tokenism. We are treated as if we are slightly exotic creatures who are only good for certain stories." A well-known anecdote describes how one national newspaper employed a non-white journalist in a panic after hearing it was to be the subject of a documentary.

He also points out the lack of senior journalists, who could help to promote a more positive attitude. "Black journalists only get so far and then, because they hit a glass ceiling, they go into PR and get paid a lot of money, or they go into television. Britain has had a substantial ethnic population since the Fifties, yet I cannot think of any black or Asian newspaper executives," he says.

Getting in, though, may just be the beginning of the battle. It is clear that racism still exists in some newspapers. One reporter has never forgotten a Christmas party at which a news editor implored everyone to sing the hymn *Jerusalem* "so I can remember how great Britain was before the wogs came".

An Asian broadsheet journalist recalls another tasteless incident: "When I started at a newspaper six years ago, I attended an editorial conference and suggested a story about a violent dispute at an Indian temple.

"The news editor started waggling his head, put on a fake Indian accent and launched into this Peter Sellers impression. I just didn't know what to do. There was some genuine laughter, some embarrassed laughter, but nobody said anything. He denied he was being racist, but later apologised." One white executive, whose girlfriend is black, parted company with a tabloid after enduring references to the canteen staff as "niggers" and jokes by another executive about "skittling blacks on his motorbike on his way home".

A more recent recruit, an Asian journalist on a national magazine, says she cannot recall any comments made to her, although she acknowledges that "racism in middle-class professions is more subtle. And, unlike other professions there is no structured career route in journalism, so you don't always know whether it's a factor in your struggles."

I have had no problems, apart from one clumsy remark. Within a fortnight of starting at *The Times*, one staff member asked me how it felt to be the "token black". But then again, when I turned up, in high heels, neat skirt and lipstick, for my first assignment on another newspaper, I was asked if I was the kissagram girl. You can't win.

Body blow for Roddick



■ THE Body Shop should be an adman's dream. The brand contains that Holy Grail of marketing theory: a point of difference, or unique selling proposition (USP).

Or at least it did. The decision by the co-founder, Anita Roddick, to stand down as chief executive is the inevitable consequence of a failure to stop competitors stealing that positioning. In Britain this came from the ubiquitous Boots. In America, competitors met The Body Shop's growth head-on, opening shops virtually next door and undercutting its prices.

Sadly, Roddick's fight back has been hampered by having her hands tied on two fronts. One is the continuing saga of her attempts to force powerful franchise holders abroad to stay in step. The other is her aversion to mainstream marketing tools such as advertising.

The Body Shop's USP was its linking of affordable, innovative products to a succession of good causes that needed fighting. It rode the back of the "green" boom.

A generation of teenage girls grew up on the brand. Roddick was a role model, the woman entrepreneur. Like Richard Branson with Virgin, Roddick's personal PR became the brand's marketing device.

But unlike Branson, having realised they were on collision course with the "teenage scribblers" and "pinstriped dinosaurs" of the City, Roddick and her husband Gordon failed to take the company private again. Branson also realised that his personal PR had less appeal abroad, and that Virgin was too large not to invest in professional marketing.

Roddick, who once viewed advertising as environmental pollution, succumbed too late. First she appeared in an American Express ad, and then she appointed Chiat/Day, but no work appeared. Last year she hired Bean Andrews Norways Cramphorn to run a campaign promoting the aromatherapy range.

Good as it was, it bore no relation to the tone and feel of The Body Shop's window posters, which were created in-house. Then came a press ad: "There are three billion women in the world who don't look like supermodels and only eight who do."

This was good stuff, too. But seen alongside all the other work, however, there is a mish-mash of styles and messages.

Marketing problems extend beyond advertising. The stores have become tatty and overcrowded. There are too many new products.

The Roddicks themselves have — belatedly — recognised the need for improvements in packaging and distribution.

The new chief executive, Patrick Gournay, joins from Danone, the French yoghurt company. He may be worried by Roddick's statement this week asserting that marketing would remain her domain.

Well, he should and it shouldn't. The Body Shop needs a proper, grown-up marketing director who will make a long-term financial and cultural commitment to a consistent marketing strategy. But it also needs to harness Roddick's energy, commitment and enthusiasm as a force for good.

Roddick may be anathema to the pinstriped dinosaurs, but she remains the company's best hope of reaching the teenage daughters of those original consumers.

■ GUINNESS, the most eagerly awaited new ad campaign of the year, goes on air during tomorrow's FA Cup Final.

In a stylish commercial, a retired Italian swimming champion races to a marker and back in the time it takes his brother, who is a barman, to pour a perfect pint of Guinness (119.5 seconds). The idea is to make waiting for the perfect pint of Guinness to settle more acceptable, when consumers are used to getting things fast. The new end line, "good things come to those who wait", is particularly targeted at younger drinkers.

It is more accessible than "not everything in black and white makes sense", but hardly the contemporary work Guinness claimed to be seeking when it dumped its former agency. (If Guinness had really wanted that, it would have run the ad, where two apparently "normal" men eating breakfast together are revealed to be gay — which it made, but didn't show.)

The new commercial is good, but safe, advertising. The "anticipation" ad, where a man danced manically waiting for his Guinness, got the message across more memorably. However, that was a one-off. It's early days, but there's a campaign lurking in this new idea.

■ ELIDA FABERGE held its nerve where Guinness didn't. Its new Impulse commercial features the first gay scenario seen in a mainstream British TV ad.

Ogilvy and Mather (ironically, the agency that made the "gay" Guinness ad) is also to be congratulated for making an ad that doesn't rely on gay clichés.

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01 D Hill	55	376	12 A Wurtz	120	531
02 M Schumacher	124	590	13 R Schumacher	102	265
03 D Coulthard	140	702	14 J Trulli	120	324
04 G Fisichella	41	365	15 J Herbert	111	389
05 J Villeneuve	121	535	16 M Salo	21	191
06 O Panis	83	447	17 P Diniz	12	46
07 H-H Frentzen	118	600	18 J Magnussen	112	247
08 E Irvine	39	541	19 T Takagi	108	283
09 M Hakkinen	165	676	20 R Rosset	0	207
10 J Alesi	112	541	21 S Nakano	108	241
11 R Barrichello	123	305	22 E Tuero	97	343

CONSTRUCTORS

GROUP C			GROUP D		
23 Williams	21	93	29 Sauber	20	62
24 Ferrari	9	101	30 Arrows	-30	-92
25 Benetton	13	49	31 Stewart	22	-4
26 McLaren	30	135	32 Tyrrell	14	-36
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EDUCATION

Schools share the secrets of success

Stephen Byers describes his scheme to bring state and public schools together

CHRIS ISON/SWNS



Music to the ears: pupils of the Wells Cathedral and St George Community schools

Life at leading independent schools such as Wells Cathedral School and Ampleforth College may seem far removed from lessons in an inner-city comprehensive. But both schools are taking part in an innovative scheme to break down barriers between the independent and state sectors.

Thousands of young people will benefit from the Independent/State School Partnerships I am announcing today. Other leading independent schools taking part in the scheme include Wellington College in Berkshire and Christ's Hospital in West Sussex. There are a range of dynamic projects that will enrich the education offered in both types of school.

Pupils from both sectors will be working together in the classroom. The scheme aims to use this to raise academic standards rather than just sharing sports facilities, as has occasionally happened in the past. There are areas where state schools can learn from independent ones, but the independent sector can also benefit from learning about areas where state schools have led the way, such as in the assessment of individual pupils and the use of new technology.

I have been impressed by the commitment shown in both sectors since I announced that the Government wanted to help to fund a scheme building more links between schools. A pragmatic approach has been taken by parents; teachers; the Sutton Trust, which provided £250,000; and by the Department for Education and Employment, which put forward £350,000.

Our agenda for education is one of excellence for all, raising standards and offering high-quality provision. It should come as no surprise that a Government that rejects dogma in favour of our children should want to involve the independent sector in improving achievement. The independent sector plays a vital role within our education system and it is right that it should work with state schools to the mutual benefit of both groups.

Divisions between the state and independent sector have all too often been a handicap to progress in the past. As I said in November at the Girls' Schools Association Conference, the time has come for old prejudices to be buried. Now I want to show how we can start to move forward, by announcing the details of the schools taking part in the Independent/State School Partnerships.

The partnerships also offer an opportunity to try a range of approaches. It is important to have diversity of provision, particularly when trying a new scheme such as building closer links between different sectors. Projects cover arts and science subjects as well as sport and the performing arts, and are being run at both types of school.

For example, pupils from Wells Cathedral School and St George Community School in Bristol will be writing and staging a production on issues that affect young people. The project will help music students from both schools. It will be led jointly by the two sets of staff and will be performed to the community and to youngsters in other local schools.

Other projects include pupils taking part in joint maths projects outside school time. Sixth-formers at another independent school will take part in a chemistry project with their peers at a nearby state school.

Disaffected teenagers will work on artistic projects and experience a different environment in an independent school. Youngsters studying at the independent school will be able to use IT facilities at the state school, where they will also carry out a science project.

Teenagers from another independent school will help children at a state primary to learn about computing and geography. Cricket coaching will also be available to the primary children.

The partnership scheme is one of a number of practical measures to let the best-performing schools share the secrets of their success. For example, I unveiled the Beacon Schools project last month. This encourages schools praised in the annual report by the Office for Standards in Education to act as local centres to spread best practice. I hope they will play an important role in teacher training and in advising neighbouring schools.

Spreading best practice will help us to reach the tough targets set to improve standards of literacy for 11-year-olds. I am particularly keen to raise the attainment of boys.

We have also used other measures to raise standards, particularly in the key areas of literacy and numeracy. Last year we established the first 50 summer literacy schools to help children before they go to secondary school. This year the programme extends to 562 schools, and summer numeracy schools are also now being established. Most schools have been given £1,000 to buy new schoolbooks.

I am delighted that schools of the calibre of Ampleforth, Wells Cathedral School, Christ's Hospital and Wellington College have joined our campaign. Together we can help all youngsters to achieve their potential.

The author is the School Standards Minister.

Learning is infectious — so catch the bug

Alan Tuckett sings the praises of further education for adults

The annual week-long celebration of adults' achievements as learners begins on Sunday with a European conference on lifelong learning.

Like Adult Learners' Week, the three-day conference in Manchester is designed to be inclusive. Delegates from more than 20 European countries will attend, and the core programme will be supplemented by an exhibition and a range of events linked to ongoing projects in the region.

The conference comes in the middle of the consultation period following the publication of the Government's policy proposals for lifelong learning in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Proposals for Scotland are expected soon. It provides a chance to show off some of the glories of adult learning in the UK — the Open University and the BBC among them — and to explore the potential of new technologies in allowing people working in small businesses, or living in isolated communities, to participate in learning. Lord Sainsbury of Turville, newly appointed chairman of the board of the University for Industry, will explore this in his session.

Lifelong learning is now a policy priority throughout the European Union, and, indeed, in the wider international community, as economic change and the forces of globalisation force governments to review their strategies for keeping up with technological and industrial change, and for dealing with social exclusion. In Stuttgart, the German Government is planning to spend DM90 million (£30 million) on creating an open learning centre for older learners; the Norwegian Government plans to subsidise three years of study for anyone who missed out the first time round; and both the Swiss and the regional government in Tuscany, Italy, are preparing new policies. Even Sweden, the country with the best results in the OECD/Unesco International Literacy Survey, has launched a five-year adult education programme.

In many modern programmes, vocational training and education for personal fulfilment are less clearly distinguished than in the past. The key skills — confidence, the ability to bring skills developed in one context to a new setting, the ability to manage information — cross old boundaries between education and training.

As recently as 1993, the Maastricht treaty reaffirmed the division, with training defined as an EU responsibility, while education was up to individual states. But there is now a recognition within the EU that old divides need to be overcome. This was helped along by the European Year of Lifelong Learning in 1996.

In Britain, David Blunkett argues for the importance of learning, saying: "As well as securing our economic future, learning has a wider contribution. It helps make ours a civilised society, develops the spiritual side of our lives and promotes active citizenship. Learning enables people to play a full part in their community. It strengthens the family, the neighbourhood and consequently the nation, and opens doors to a love of music, art and literature."

We all know that this is true of children, and, as Tom Stitch, the American literacy expert, says, teach a mother to learn and you have a double-duty dollar, because learning is infectious, and her family will catch the habit. Yet too many people feel learning is not for them.

Sharing experiences of how to open learning to everyone, celebrating existing learners, and encouraging others to join in ... the European conference will make a fitting start to Adult Learners' Week.

● *The author is the Director of NIACE, the national organisation for adult learning, and co-ordinates Adult Learners' Week.*

PHOTOFUSION



Adult art classes: it's never too late to start learning

Susan Elkin asks if Roman Catholics are not too complacent about education

Why monks may be best

UNP



The actor Peter O'Toole relishes his brief role as cricket instructor during a visit to Ampleforth College, Yorkshire

This week's news that Douai School, near Reading, has been saved from closure by parents and old boys should come as no surprise. At its best, Roman Catholic education has a distinctive quality that cannot fail to impress even a non-Catholic and religious sceptic such as myself.

When I visited Ampleforth College, the boys' boarding school in rural Yorkshire, they took me to vespers "for flavour". The time-honoured service is sung each evening in the Abbey Church by the monks of the Benedictine community. The peace, tranquillity and unity of purpose was palpable, and it was quite unlike anything I've seen before in a school.

Many maintained-sector school parents are crying out for Catholic education. I had a letter recently from a Cheshire parent enraged by Trafford's decision no longer to pay for Catholics to attend St Bede's, a coeducational independent school in the borough. She feels that, as a Catholic, she is being denied the full range of parental choice extended to non-Catholic parents since there is, she argues, now no coeducational Catholic option available to those who cannot or will not pay fees.

Catholic schools working within the maintained sector are almost always oversubscribed. Some non-Catholic parents select them because they want religion-based moral teaching in preference to a do-your-own-thing secular environment.

So it is strange that Catholic parents who can afford to pay fees seem to be drifting away from Catholic schools. Two Catholic prep schools — Buckfast Abbey in Devon and Belmont Abbey near Hereford — have already closed as Douai so nearly did. Numbers at Downside, near Bath, have fallen by a third in the past 20 years. Ampleforth is smaller too, although numbers have recovered recently.

It is partly competition culture. Independent schools of every affiliation have to play the numbers game. And a lot of the pupils who would once have gone automatically to Ampleforth or Downside are now enrolled at Eton or Marlborough, for example. Eton has 150 Catholics on its roll (the number has increased fivefold in recent years) and makes special arrangements for them.

There is nothing at all holier-than-thou about Catholic education. As a visitor to Ampleforth I wasn't made to feel in the least bit uncomfortable because I didn't want to join in. Some of the monks teach in the school. Others do not. Many of the school's teaching staff, moreover, are laymen and laywomen.

In a good Catholic school Catholicism underpins the whole of daily life. That presumably is what gives Ampleforth, where about 90 per cent of the boys are Catholic, that unusually clear sense of direction, which is so instantly evident. Spiritual development, as an entitlement, is clearly an integral part of the experience.

Raoul Fraser, 18, and Tom Road, 17, who showed me round the school, genuflected and crossed themselves quite unselfconsciously as they took me into the church. After I'd attended evening prayers in St Oswald's House, Damian Leach, 16, was keen to show me the in-house altar where his housemaster, Father Christopher Gorst, says Mass with the 63 boys in his care. "All houses have this because you need a quiet centre to think, reflect and pray in," Damian said. "Boarding school life can be very hectic."

I know what he meant. The meal-time chatter and the din of voices in houses after prayers was just as cheerfully and noisily "teenage" at Ampleforth, with much discussion about rugby and dormitory wall posters, as in any other boarding school. Everybody studies Christian theology — it's a compulsory part of the core curriculum throughout the school. At sixth-form level everyone does it at either AS or A level.

Father Leo Chamberlain, the Headmaster of Ampleforth, who chatted to me in his study over a late-night pot of tea, has criticised Catholic bishops for not sufficiently emphasising the importance of Catholic schools. "A living community of faith cannot be compared with the provision of a Catholic chaplain or with arrangements to take children out to Mass as refugees from their secular environment," he said. Whatever your religious persuasion, it is hard to disagree.

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TENNIS

Sampras trumped by Chang's aces

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN ROME

IT IS hard to see Pete Sampras ever winning the French Open, the one grand-slam title to elude his otherwise all-embracing clutches. Sampras appeared to be building a head of steam for Roland Garros this week, but his engine was stalled here yesterday by his old adversary and compatriot, Michael Chang.

Although the Italian Open is an hors d'oeuvre on the road to Paris, Sampras was undoubtedly bent on a lengthy stay in Rome. Conditions were once again hot and fast, just as Sampras favours, yet Chang was demonstrably his superior. He outserved, outsmarted and outran Sampras to prevail 6-1, 7-6, recording only his second victory over him in their past 11 meetings.

Chang remains a match for the best, but Sampras should have dismissed him if he was truly in contention for Paris. The world No 1 played an opening game riddled with errors, which were to plague him until midway through the second set. By then, Chang was brimming with confidence, particularly on his service. He served 11 aces to Sampras's five.

Even more surprising was the way that Sampras attempted to bludgeon winners from balls with no pace. Chang cleverly offered the top seed plenty of opportunity: it was like a red rag to a bull.

"I was trying to hit my way out of trouble and that's the way I get myself into trouble on clay," Sampras admitted. So much so that a packed Centre Court jeered and whistled as Sampras careered from one unforced error to another.


Chang: superior

He raised his game in the second set, but Chang was to match him blow for blow.

While Chang moved into the quarter-finals, Sampras was left to lick his wounds, which he felt were skin-deep. "I am disappointed but not discouraged," he said. "I'm feeling very positive. I will be in Paris a week before the tournament starts and I am looking forward to it."

Positive or otherwise, Sampras would surely concede that Marcelo Rios will start favourite for the French Open. Rios, seeded No 3, followed up his trouncing of Tim Henman on Wednesday with another rout, this time of Thomas Muster, who had recorded the 600th victory of his career in the previous round.

Rios, however, does not bow to reputations and he reduced the old clay-court master to dust in the course of his 6-3, 6-1 victory. He was in imperious form, belying the fact that he has only recently returned from an elbow injury requiring four weeks' rest. It was Rios who supplanted Sampras at the top of the world order in March. Now ranked No 3 after that injury, the odds are that Rios will return to the summit by the close of the year.

Richard Krajicek, the No 11 seed, is Rios's next opponent after he was gifted victory in an obdurate struggle with Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia. Kafelnikov had the match in his grasp when, at 5-4 in the deciding-set tie-break, he netted a sitter of a volley. Then, when match point down at 6-7, he promptly double-faulted.

Gustavo Kuerten, the French Open champion, continues to improve at the right time. The Brazilian, out of sorts earlier this year, looked close to his best in ousting Tommy Haas. Brett Steven extended his surprise run when making short work of Carlos Moyà, the No 12 seed. Steven today plays Alberto Berasategui for a semi-final place.

Kournikova growing into powerful force

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN BERLIN

IN A sport where the best are getting younger and the young are getting better, some cannot wait to grow up. Having had her rise up the rankings hampered by the Women's Tennis Association's age restriction rules — 16-year-olds can play only ten tournaments a year — Anna Kournikova is racing towards her seventeenth birthday and freedom in a flurry of tournaments, victories and bonus points.

Yesterday, at the German Open, she outplayed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the third round, winning 6-4, 6-2 to set up a quarter-final appointment with Martina Hingis. It was an impressive display of power and control that left Sanchez Vicario flat-footed.

Kournikova looked unstoppable as she belted the ball off both flanks and demolished Sanchez Vicario's second service. Within minutes she was 3-0 up. Sanchez Vicario tried to slow down the torrent of winners by throwing in some slow, looping balls, a tactic that worked for a few games. With Kournikova nailing her returns and attacking at every opportunity, though, it was not to last. Kournikova now plays Hingis, who easily disposed of Iva Majoli, the French Open champion, 6-1, 6-2.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore 8 Cleveland 1; Detroit 8 Seattle 5, Kansas City 4 Tampa Bay 0; Oakland 4 Toronto 2; NY Yankees 8 Texas 6; Minnesota 7 Boston 4; Anaheim 8 Chicago White Sox 3.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 9 San Francisco 5; Cincinnati 10 Florida 4; Atlanta 10 St Louis 2; Houston 1 Pittsburgh 0; Chicago Cubs 9 Colorado 3; Milwaukee 8 Arizona 3; Los Angeles 9 Philadelphia 4; NY Mets 4 San Diego 3.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Second-round play-offs: Eastern Conference: Indiana 99 New York 88 (Indiana win best-of-seven series 4-1); Chicago 93 Charlotte 84 (Chicago win series 4-1)

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): The Oval: Surrey 164 (J M Dakin 5-34); Leicestershire 180-8 (A Kandola 53 not out; A Cowans 4-33) Bradford Park Avenue: Yorkshire 134 (B Parker 58); Nottinghamshire 65-2. Chelmsford: Essex 278 (I N Flanagan 98, A J E Hibbert 55, B W Gannon 4-75); Gloucestershire 51-0 Taunton: Northamptonshire 188 (A L Penberthy 80; A P van Troost 4-52, M Bulbeck 5-41); Somerset 263-8 (A Steele 53).
SCHOOLS MATCHES: City of London Freemens 142 * RGS Guildford 145-3; Isleworth & Syon 77 * Merchant Taylor's 78; MCC 186-6dec * Newcastle-under-Lyme 79; MCC 258-3dec * Haberdashers' Aske's 187-8; Oswestry 95 * Wrekin 96-0; Colston's 208-4 (A Holloway 100 not out) * Clifton 152; Gentlemen of Herts 203-9 dec * St Edmunds, Ware 121; MCC 251-3 * Perse 228-7; XL Club 227-7 dec * Lancing 228-5. * denotes home team

EQUESTRIANISM

ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW: The Samsung Electronics Speed Stakes: 1, Virtual Village Carte Gene (N Skelton, GB) 61 62sec; 2, Captain Wellington (A Davies, GB) 62.87; 3, Hildon Mrs King (S McIntosh, NZ) 63.56. The Hildon Power and Speed: 1, Nancy (G Luckett, GB) 30.10; 2, Carat II (J-M Nicolas, France) 30.92; 3, Raylyn (H Luther, Ger) 31.13. Petplan Family Pair Relay Qualifier: 1, Golden Horizon (A Lewis) and Inzara (M Lipman) 80 83; 2, Pipalda (J Annett) and Golden Venture (N Moon) 85.10; 3, Virtual Village Junior (M Whitaker) and Amal (R Whitaker) 85.13 Cob Champion: Rob Roy II (R Christie). Ridden Hunter Champion: Tradesman (J Dunlop).

FOOTBALL

Thursday's late results
CUP WINNERS' CUP: Final: Chelsea 1 VfB Stuttgart 0 (in Stockholm)
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS: Semi-finals, second leg: First division: Charlton 1 Ipswich 0 (Charlton win 2-0 on agg); Sunderland 2 Sheffield Utd 0 (Sunderland win 3-2 on agg). Second division: Grimsby 1 Fulham 0 (Grimsby win 2-1 on agg); Northampton 3 Bristol Rovers 0 (Northampton win 4-3 on agg) Third division: Colchester 3 Barnet 1 (aet: 2-1 after 90min; Colchester win 3-2 on agg); Torquay 4 Scarborough 1 (Torquay win 7-2 on agg).
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bilston CC 1 Coleshill 0; Meir KA 5 Wellesbourne 2; Southam 2 Kings Heath 0 President's Cup: Newhall 1 Leicester YMCA 1.
OTHER MATCH: Venezia 0 Mexico 1 (in Venice)
SCHOOLS MATCH: Cheshire Cup: Final (under-15): Stockport 2 Tameside 3.

GOLF

THE OXFORDSHIRE, Thame: International Open: Early leading first-round scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 69: B Davis 71: P Eales. 72: J Rose. 73: T Gogele (Ger), R Jacquelin (Fr), D Cooper. 74: R Burns, S Webster. 75: M Roe
WILMINGTON, Delaware: McDonald's LPGA Championship: Early leading first-round scores (United States unless stated): 68: H Daly-Donofrio, M McGann. 69: N Harvey 70: A DeLuca, P Hammel, B Mucha. 71: K Guadagnino, A Fruhwirth, M Morris, M Mallon, C Koch (Swe) Other score: 74: K Marshall (GB).
GUAM OPEN: Leading first-round scores: 66: K Imai (Japan). 67: Chung Joon (S Kor) 68: H Chie-Feng (Taipei). 69: C Liang-Hsi (Taipei), J Smith (US), R Byrd (US), V Bhandari (India), T Gogue (Guam), L Chien-Bing (Taipei), C Perez (Mex), Y Kurita (Japan). 70: R Cuello (Phil), L Chih-Chen (Taipei), A Atwal (India), S Laycock (Aus), G Norquist (US), T Ide (Japan), N Matsuki (Japan). 71: M Tomita (Japan), Wang Ter-Chang (Taipei), S Michael (US), W Bradley (SA), F Casas (Phil), G Dodd (Aus), Y Dalio (Japan), E Meeks (US), L Wen-Teh (Taipei), H Yu-Shu (Taipei), R Mohta (India).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Second-round play-offs: Eastern Conference: Washington 2 Ottawa 0 (Washington lead series 3-1). Western Conference: Dallas 3 Edmonton 1 (Dallas lead series 3-1)

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Dewsbury Rams 10 Swinton Lions 13
ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Sheffield 26 Salford 16, St Helens 33 Wigan 24.

RUGBY UNION

WELSH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff 61 Newport 24
WILLIS CORROON SHIELD: RAF 7 Army 23 (at Kingsholm, Gloucester)

SAILING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Eighth leg (Annapolis to La Rochelle): Positions (at 1100GMT yesterday, with miles to La Rochelle): 1, Toshiba (US) 533; 2, Silk Cut (GB) 535 1; 3, Chessie Racing (US) at 535 7. 4, EF Education (Swe) 562.1 5, Merit Cup (Monaco) 572 5. 6, EF Language (Swe) 572.7; 7, Swedish Match (Swe) 595.2 8, Innovation Kvaerner (Nor) 597 3 9, BrunelSunergy (Holl) 607 9

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Hull 53 Stoke 37.

SQUASH

LONDON: UK Packaging Players Championships: Men: Semi-finals: P Nicol (Scot) bt C Walker (Essex) 17-15, 15-9, 15-9; S Parke (Yorkshire) bt M Chaloner (Lincolnshire) 15-10, 15-10, 17-15 Women: Semi-finals: C Jackman (Norfolk) bt J Tranfield (Yorkshire) 9-5, 9-7, 9-1, L Charman (Sussex) bt V Lankester (Suffolk) 9-2, 9-1, 9-1

TENNIS

ROME: Italian Open: Second round: T Muster (Austria) bt F Mantilla (Sp) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 Third round: G Kuerten (Br) bt T Haas (Ger) 6-4, 6-2 B Steven (NZ) bt C Moya (Sp) 7-5, 6-0. A Berasategui (Sp) bt B Ulihrach (Cz) 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt P Sampras (US) 6-2, 7-6; R Krajicek (Holl) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, M Rios (Chile) bt Muster 6-3, 6-1.
BERLIN: Women's German Open: Second round: S Testud (Fr) bt J Halard-Decugis (Fr) 6-4, 6-0 Third round: J Novotna (Cz) bt M Sanchez Lorenzo (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, A Sugiyama (Japan) bt A Coetzer (SA) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3: A Kournikova (Russ) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 6-4, 6-2. B Paulus (Austria) bt S Cacic (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Hingis (Switz) bt I Majoli (Cro) 6-1, 6-2. C Martinez (Sp) bt S Testud (Fr) 4-6, 7-5, 6-2

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Vodafone Challenge Series
11.0, second day of three
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v South Africans
Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Essex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Surrey
CANTERBURY: Kent v Lancashire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Somerset.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
University match
11.30, final day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Glamorgan
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire. The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire. Park Avenue, Bradford: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Tottenham (2.0)
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Southam v David Lloyd AFC (7.30)
HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Wick Academy v Elgin (6.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB Super League
Leeds v Wigan (7.45)
First division
Hunslet v Widnes (7.30)

RUGBY UNION

Welsh League
Premier division
Ebbw Vale v Bridgend (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Windsor Horse Show
GOLF: Benson and Hedges International Open (at The Oxfordshire)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League Cup: Arena Essex v Newport (8.0): Edinburgh v Berwick (7.30), Isle of Wight v Exeter (7.30), Peterborough v Reading (7.45)

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

York

Going: good

2.05 (6f 214yd) 1, Ho Leng (M J Kinane, 20-1); 2, Kayo (12-1); 3, Brave Reward (20-1); 4, Bold King (20-1). Lido 5-1 fav. 19 ran. Hd, 3l. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £30 10; £4.50, £3 10, £5 80, £6 00. DF: £238.30 CSF: £208 47. Tricast: £4,532.66.

2.35 (6f) 1, Bollin Joanne (K Fallon, 11-2); 2, Elnadim (5-2 fav); 3, Danetime (7-2). 10 ran. NR: Tomba. ½l, 3l. T Easterby. Tote: £5 00; £1 30, £1 80, £1 80 DF: £5 70. Trio: £8.50 CSF: £18.24.

3.10 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, Busy Flight (M Hills, 2-1 fav). 2, Strategic Choice (8-1); 3, Persian Punch (11-4) 6 ran. ¾l, nk. B Hills. Tote: £3 30; £1.70, £3.50. DF: £10.90. CSF: £15.96.

3.40 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, Greek Dance (W R Swinburn, 5-2); 2, Capri (11-4); 3, Fruits Of Love (11-2). Almandab 15-8 fav. 5 ran. 6l, ½l. M Stoute. Tote: £3.00; £2 10, £2 10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £8 35

4.10 (7f 202yd) 1, Tom Dougal (J F Egan, 8-1); 2, Carambo (14-1); 3, Exit To Somewhere (5-1 jt-fav), 4, Evening World (10-1). 16 ran. 1½l, sh hd. C Smith. Tote: £8.30; £1 80, £3 60, £1 70, £2.30 DF: £142.00. Trio: £252.30. CSF: £79 03. Tricast: £445 83

4.40 (6f) 1, Atlantic Destiny (D Holland, 9-2); 2, Guinea Hunter (5-1), 3, Calcutta (11-8 fav). 7 ran. 1½l, 3l. M Johnston. Tote: £5 10; £2.20, £2.40. DF: £11.90 CSF: £25 09.

5.10 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, Prince Of Denial (S Whitworth, 7-1); 2†, For Your Eyes Only (11-2); 2†, Generous Libra (5-2 fav). 13 ran. 1l, dd-ht. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £9.20; £2.70, Generous Libra £1.80, For Your Eyes Only £2.00. DF: (with Generous Libra) £7.60; (with For Your Eyes Only) £11 60. CSF: (with Generous Libra) £12.51, (with For Your Eyes Only) £22.91. Tricast: Prince Of Denial, Generous Libra, For Your Eyes Only £51 89; Prince Of Denial, For Your Eyes Only, Generous Libra £59.31. Trio: £19 70.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £25,068.37 carried forward to Newbury today).

Placepot: £452.40. Quadpot: £25.00.

Salisbury

Going: firm (good to firm in places)

1.45 (1m 1f 198yd) 1, Godabi (J Reid, 3-1), 2, Mole Creek (11-8 fav); 3, March Hare (3-1). 10 ran. 1¾l, 5l. M Stoute. Tote: £3.00; £1.80, £1.00, £2.00. DF: £4.00. Trio: £2.60. CSF: £6.72.

2.15 (5f) 1, Franco Mina (A Mackay, 5-2 fav). 2, Carmarthen (8-1). 3, Zircon (16-1) 18 ran. 6l, ¾l. M Channon. Tote: £2.80; £2.00, £2 10, £4 10. DF: £9.80 Trio: £44 00 CSF: £16.36.

2.45 (1m) 1, Sailgo (C Rutter, 8-1); 2, Muyassir (9-1); 3, Similet (5-1 fav), 4, Cocoon River (14-1). 18 ran. 1½l, 1¾l. H Morrison Tote: £7 70; £1.90, £1 80, £1 80, £3 50 DF: £55.70 Trio: £199.90 CSF: £71 63 Tricast: £374 43.

3.20 (1m 4f) 1, Secret Archive (Dane O'Neill, 13-2); 2, Kahtan (6-4 fav), 3, Dower House (3-1). 4 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. R Hannon Tote: £8.70. DF: £8.80 CSF £15 17

3.50 (6f 212yd) 1, Persiano (D Harrison, 9-4 fav); 2, Saley Ana (14-1); 3, Young Mazaad (33-1); 4, Misty Point (8-1). 20 ran. 4l, 1½l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £2.60 £16.70, £2.50. DF: £29.00. CSF: £35 54 Tricast: £883 27 Trio: £540 30

4.20 (6f 212yd) 1, Arbenig (D Sweeney, 5-1); 2, Dance To The Beat (14-1), 3, Landrlun (8-1) Scotland Bay 11-4 fav. 20 ran. 4l, nk. B Palling. Tote: £7 80; £3.40, £4 90, £3 60 DF: £35 60 Trio: £30.30. CSF: £69.34

4.50 (1m 1f 198yd) 1, Shareea (R Ffrench, 6-4 fav). 2, Lucrezia (7-2); 3, Seattle Ribbon (6-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 6l. L Cumani. Tote: £1.70; £1.50, £1 40, £1 70. DF: £3.60 Trio: £8.40 CSF: £6.29.

5.20 (1m 4f) 1, Veronica Franco (Dane O'Neill, 6-1); 2, Male-Ana-Mou (9-2). 3, Dead Aim (11-2) Harmony Hall 3-1 fav 15 ran. 1¼l, 2l. P Hedger. Tote: £9 60; £2.90, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £14.00 Trio: £39.30 CSF: £29.72. Tricast: £148.72.

Placepot: £283.80. Quadpot: £130.90.

Perth

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.25 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Terdad (P Niven. 7-4 fav); 2, Count Karmuski (9-4); 3, Lay The Blame (11-1). 8 ran. NR: Cashaplenty, Golf Land, Mutasarrif, San Francisco. 5l, hd. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3 10; £1 60, £1.90 DF: £2.80 Trio: £9.80. CSF: £5.58. Tricast: £26.76

3.00 (2m ch) 1, Tarajan (R Johnson, 9-2), 2, Battery Fired (9-2); 3, Tawafij (12-1). Adamatic 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 1½l, 8l. Miss L Russell. Tote: £5.40; £2.10, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £12.80. Trio: £47.70 CSF: £22.75.

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Supertop (W Dowling, 11-2); 2, Joe Shaw (7-2 jt-fav). 3, Stash The Cash (7-2 jt-fav). 7 ran. 1l, 9l. L Lungo. Tote: £6 90; £3.40, £2.00. DF: £9.50. CSF: £22.04.

4.00 (3m ch) 1, Stage Fright (A P McCoy, 9-4 fav), 2, Kalajo (14-1); 3, Tough Test (4-1). 10 ran. 2l, nk. F Murphy. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £4.90, £1 70 DF: £228.90 CSF: £31 55 Tricast: £114 17 Trio: £104 00.

4.30 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Stoned Imaculate (A P McCoy 1-4 fav); 2, Rocket Run (12-1): 3, More Champagne (6-1) 6 ran NR: Brother Of Iris. 6l, 14l F Murphy Tote: £1 30; £1 10, £2.40 DF £3 40 CSF £4 89.

5.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Astrac Trio (Miss A Bowie, 11-8 fav). 2, Harden Glen (10-1). 3, Arctic Leader (20-1) 11 ran. 2l, 21l. J Bowie Tote £2.00; £1 50, £3 00, £4 10 DF: £11 10 Trio £37 90 CSF £13.94.

5.30 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Little Fencote (F Leahy. 13-2) 2, Grmaldi Lad (20-1). 3, Pampered Gale (14-1) Three Lakes 9-4 jt-fav 17 ran NR: Cuchulainn 1¼l, nk. P Beaumont. Tote £8 50; £2.40, £13 90, £3 40 DF £89 50 Trio £172 00. CSF: £133 07

Placepot: £12.10. Quadpot: £6.70.

Wednesday's late details

Folkestone

6.55 (3m 2f ch) 1. Avostar (Mr B Pollock, evens fav). 2, Saffron Flame (7-4). 4 ran. 8l Mrs C Bailey Tote £1 70. DF £1 90 CSF: £3.12

7.25 (3m 7f ch) 1. High Padre (Mr M Portman, 5-1). 2, Young Brave (4-1); 3, The Malakarma (8-13 fav) 5 ran NR: Glen Oak, Severn Invader. Hd, dist. Mrs P Chamings. Tote £7 50; £1 70, £1 30 DF £6.70 CSF: £21 87

7.55 (2m 5f ch) 1. Red Rory (Mr T McCarthy, 20-1). 2, Top Miss (50-1). 3, Roscolvin (11-1) Sparkling Blake evens fav 10 ran. NR: Bathwick Bobbie. 4l, 11l. Mrs D McCarthy. Tote: £22.20; £4.10, £8.40, £1 30 DF £141 70 Trio £82.70 CSF: £580.30.

8.25 (2m 5f ch) 1. Shaarid (Mr B Pollock, 5-4 fav); 2, Mill O'The Rags (8-1); 3, Drumstick (12-1) 11 ran. 4l, 1¾l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote £1 80; £1.70, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £11 70 Trio £66 40 CSF, £11 79.

Placepot: £1,722.50. Quadpot: £228.00.

Huntingdon

6.35 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Chief Predator (Mr S Durack, 4-1), 2, Sun Alert (5-1). 3, Kingsland Taverner (16-1) Quiet Moments 7-2 fav 12 ran. NR: Chariot Man, Second Fiddle. ¾l, 1¼l D Williams. Tote £3.70; £1.70, £2 10, £6.20 DF: £6 30 Trio: £88 00 Tricast: £277 03

7.05 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Barford Sovereign (R Johnson, 11-8), 2, Wade Road (4-6 fav); 3, Pridewood Picker (16-1) 8 ran. 3l, 8l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £2.60; £1 20, £1 80. DF: £1 60 CSF: £2 59

7.35 (3m hdle) 1, Boxing Match (Miss V Roberts. 33-1); 2, Emsee-H (10-1); 3, Cadrillon (7-1) Muskora 7-4 fav. 8 ran. 20l, 2l R Phillips Tote: £19.10; £2 80, £1 70, £2.10. DF: £59.00 CSF: £287 12

8.05 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Santa Jet (J Callaghan, 10-1), 2, Wot No Gin (11-2); 3, Broadwater Boy (5-1) Enns Bar 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l G Moore Tote: £16 30; £3.20, £1 40, £2.30. DF: £81.10. Trio £84 00 CSF: £63.98 Tricast: £295.97

8.35 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Niknaks Nephew (C Maude, 5-1); 2, Classic Eagle (7-4 fav); 3, Fort Knox (16-1) 15 ran. NR: Tangshan. 7l, ¾l C Egerton. Tote: £6 70; £1 60, £1.40, £5.30. DF: £5 10. Trio: £12 00. CSF. £13 56.

Placepot: £83.00. Quadpot: £15.40.

Perth

Going: good to firm

6.45 (3m ch) 1, Sharp Command (Derek Byrne, 11-2); 2, Young Steven (16-1); 3, Stan's Your Man (5-2 fav) 8 ran. NR: Jocks Cross. 7l, nk. P Eccles. Tote: £6.10; £2.20, £1.70, £1.20 DF: £16.20. Trio: £30.00. CSF: £65 02.

7.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Count Tony (N Horrocks, 3-1); 2, In The Genes (8-1); 3, Swing West (8-11 fav) 7 ran. NR: Change, Cinema Paradiso. 3l, 2½l M Hammond. Tote: £7.20; £2.20, £3.00. DF: £11.80. Trio: £5 60. CSF: £25.21.

7.45 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Wise Advice (P Niven, 5-1); 2, Pariah (7-1); 3, Le Denstan (25-1) Briar's Delight 100-30 fav. 10 ran. 2l, ½l M Hammond. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £1 80, £6.00. DF: £17.10. Trio: £96 40. CSF: £35 62. Tricast: £717.81.

8.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Priddy Fair (R Wilkinson, 8-1); 2, Rinus Major (14-1); 3, Charlistiona (20-1). Maple Bay 4-1 fav. 15 ran. Nk, 2l. D Barker. Tote: £8.20; £3.00, £4.40, £7.50. DF: £70.30. Trio: £142.40. CSF: £107.16. Tricast: £2,017.74.

8.45 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Latchford (Mr M Bradburne, 7-4 fav); 2, Jubran (10-1); 3, Arctic Fox (5-1). 7 ran. 7l, 5l I Williams. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £3.00. DF: £18.50. CSF: £15.59

Placepot: £1,514.10. Quadpot: £428.30.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 0171-782 7344

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SUBSECTIONS 8(5) AND 10(6) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice as follows.

1. She proposes to grant licences under the Telecommunication Act 1984 ("the Act") to MLL Telecom Limited and International Computers Limited ("the Licensees") to run telecommunication systems throughout the United Kingdom. Both licences will be for a period of 25 years subject to earlier revocation in specified circumstances.
2. The principal effect of these licences will be to enable the Licensees each to install and run telecommunication systems in throughout the United Kingdom. Each Licensee will be able to provide a wide range of services but excluding mobile radio services and certain international services. Both Licences authorise connection to a wide range of other systems, including earth orbiting apparatus, allowing the provision of some types of international satellite service. On securing a share of 25% or more of the market in respect of particular services in an area specified by the Director General of Telecommunications, each Licensee may be obliged to make available those telecommunication services to all who reasonably request them within that area.
3. Both licences will be subject to conditions such that section 8 of the Act will apply, thereby making each of the systems run under each licence eligible for designation as a public telecommunication system under section 9 of the Act. It is the intention of the Secretary of State to designate each of the Licensees' systems as a public telecommunication system.
4. The Secretary of State proposes to grant these licences in response to applications from the Licensees for such licences because she considers it will help to satisfy demands in the United Kingdom for the provision of services of the type authorised, will promote the interests of consumers in respect of the quality and variety of such services, and will maintain and promote effective competition between those engaged in the provision of telecommunication services.
5. She proposes to apply the telecommunications code ("the Code") to each of the Licensees subject to certain exceptions and conditions throughout the United Kingdom. The effect of the exceptions and conditions to the application of the Code is that the Licensees will each have duties:
   (a) to comply with various safety and environmental conditions, in particular (with certain exceptions) to install lines underground or only on such above-grand apparatus as is already installed for any purpose;
   (b) to comply with conditions designed to ensure efficiency and economy on the part of the Licensees, in connection with the execution of works on land concerning the installation, maintenance, repair or alteration of their apparatus;
   (c) to consult certain public bodies before exercising particular powers under the Code, including the local planning and highway authorities and English Nature, Scottish Natural Heritage, the Countryside Council for Wales, the National Trust and the National Trust for Scotland, as well as relevant electricity suppliers;
   (d) to keep and make available records of the location of underground apparatus and copies of the exceptions and conditions in their respective licences to their powers under the Code; and
   (e) to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet certain liabilities arising from the execution of street works.
6. The reason why the Secretary of State proposes to apply the Code to the Licensees is that the Licensees will each need the statutory powers in the Code to install and maintain the telecommunication systems which are to be installed and run under the proposed licences.
7. The reasons why it is proposed that the Code as applied should have effect subject to the exceptions and conditions referred to above are that they are considered requisite or expedient for the purpose of securing that the physical environment is protected, that there is no greater damage to land than necessary, that the systems are installed as safely and economically as possible, and that the Licensees can meet (and relevant persons can enforce) liabilities arising from the execution of works.
8. Representations or objections may be made in respect of the proposed licences, the application of the Code to the Licensees and the proposed exceptions and conditions referred to above. They should be made in writing by 15 June 1998 and addressed to the undersigned at the Department of Trade and Industry, Communications and Information Industries Directorate, 2.67 Grey, 151 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9SS. Copies of the proposed licences can freely be obtained by writing to the Department or by calling 0171 215 1756.

Alan D Proud
Department of Trade and Industry 15 May 1998

PETER ALBERT TOMEY
Born 23 January 1942
Died 8 November 1995 in Maylands, Western Australia
The abovenamed deceased was the grandson of Henry George Tomey and Martha Tomey (nee Macaball) who were married in London, England on 14 October 1889. The deceased's father's brother was also called Henry George Tomey and was born on 11 April 1890 and died on 25 April 1915. Would any issue of any of the persons named above or any person knowing their whereabouts or any person claiming through them please contact the PUBLIC TRUSTEE at 565 Hay Street, Perth, WA 60000 within two (2) months from the date of publication of this advertisement quoting reference DEC 288672 DE3 and the Estate of PETER ALBERT TOMEY, deceased.

The abovenamed deceased was the grandson of Albert Archer Beedle and Elise Annie Beedle (nee Faulkner) who were married in Newington, London, England on 8 April 1899. They had nine children including the deceased's mother Phyllis Tomey (nee Beedle) and William Cyril Beedle (also known as Cyril Beedle) who was born on 28 July 1903. Would William Cyril Beedle or any issue of William Cyril Beedle or any person claiming through them please contact the PUBLIC TRUSTEE at 565 Hay Street, Perth, WA 6000 within two (2) months from the date of publication of this advertisement quoting reference DEC 288672 DE3 and the Estate of PETER ALBERT TOMEY, deceased.

LEGAL NOTICES

PREMIER STAFF LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above named company will be held at 4 Charterhouse Square London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 hours on 4th June 1998, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receiver(s) under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a Committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are only entitled to vote if:- (a) they have delivered to me at the address shown below, no later than 1200 hours on 3rd June 1998, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and (b) there has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Date 7th May 1998
M.R. DORRINGTON
Administrative Receiver
POPPLETON & APPLEBY
4 CHARTERHOUSE SQUARE
LONDON EC1M

BISHOPSCOURT PROPERTIES LIMITED
IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
We, N J Hamilton, A R Bloom and M E Mills of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU hereby give notice that on 1 May 1998 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above company are required, on or before 8 June 1998 to send their full names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to us, N J Hamilton, A R Bloom and M E Mills of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU and if so required by notice in writing from us are, personally or by their solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated: 1 May 1998
N J Hamilton, A R Bloom and M E Mills
JOINT LIQUIDATORS
Note: All known creditors have been or will be paid in full, but if any persons consider they have claims against the company they should send in full details forthwith.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
BELGRAVIA COOLING SYSTEMS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 11th May 1998
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

BISHOPSCOURT INVESTMENTS LIMITED
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TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Louis, Gerald Edmund late of 11 Fauconberg Road, London W4, died on the 3rd November 1997. Particulars to Lancasters, 486 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5TT on or before the 12th July 1998 (ref AW/Louis).

Law Report May 15 1998 Queen's Bench Division

Minister's duty to act fairly

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Harry

Before Mr Justice Lightman

[Judgment April 8]

The Secretary of State for the Home Department was not obliged to implement the recommendations of a Mental Health Review Tribunal when deciding, pursuant to sections 17 and 19 of the Mental Health Act 1983, whether to consent to the transfer of a mentally disordered patient, who was subject to a restriction order, to a less secure hospital.

If the secretary of state was not fully satisfied with the findings of the tribunal, he was not only entitled but bound to seek further advice and information from other sources, in particular the Advisory Board on Restricted Patients, before coming to his own conclusion.

He was, however, under an obligation to act in a procedurally fair manner by, inter alia, making available to the patient the board's advice, and giving the patient an opportunity to make representations to him on the matter.

Mr Justice Lightman, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment when considering the application of James Harry for judicial review of the secretary of state's decision: (i) to refer his case to the Advisory Board on Restricted Patients notwithstanding the recommendation of transfer already made by the tribunal; (ii) to refuse consent to transfer him and (iii) to deny him the opportunity to make informed representations to, inter alia, the secretary of state. The application succeeded in part.

Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr Paul Bowen for the applicant; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Pushpinder Saini for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the applicant was subject to a restriction order and was detained in conditions of maximum security at Broadmoor Special Hospital.

A tribunal having conducted a full hearing made a recommendation to the secretary of state that there should be a transfer from Broadmoor to conditions of less security at Shaftesbury Regional Secure Unit, since the applicant had recently improved.

The secretary of state thereafter referred the applicant's case to the board which carried out certain limited inquiries and, without disclosing the result of those inquiries to the applicant, gave the secretary of state advice to the opposite effect.

The secretary of state, without disclosing that advice or giving the applicant any opportunity to make any representations, acted on the advice of the board and refused his consent.

His Lordship, having set out the scheme of the 1983 Act including the Mental Health Review Tribunal Rules (SI 1983 No 942) which provided that proceedings before the tribunal had the character of proceedings before a court of law, said that the thrust of the challenge to the decisions of the secretary of state was that it was irrational for him to seek further advice when he already had the recommendation of the tribunal: see *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Danaei* (*The Times* January 3, 1998).

The critical issue was whether the secretary of state was entitled to seek fresh material and in reliance upon it to reach a conclusion contrary to that reached by the tribunal.

Circumstances might exist where to allow the issue which had been decided to be reopened would defeat the whole purpose for which the original inquiry took place. There might be a public interest in finality.

But his Lordship could see no justification for such a constraint on the secretary of state in the performance of the duties imposed by the 1983 Act. It was the secretary of state and not the tribunal who was by statute entrusted with the task of deciding whether to give consent.

His obligation was fully to satisfy himself as to the propriety of any decision. If the finding or recommendation of the tribunal left him in doubt, he was not only entitled but bound to look further afield for guidance.

The finding and recommendation of the tribunal might assist him to fulfil that obligation, but could not dilute it or impede its fulfilment or obviate the need for the exercise by him of an informed judgment whether consent should be forthcoming. In that situation the obvious source of information was the board.

The secretary of state in weighing up the views of the tribunal and the board on the mental condition of the applicant had to have full regard to the advantages enjoyed by the tribunal in the court hearing before it and the fact that the information obtained for the board was in course of a single visit to Broadmoor by a single non-medically qualified member.

But he could also have regard to: the fact that the tribunal's decision was totally unspecific as to the degree of improvement and accordingly was not particularly illuminating; the additional information contained in the report; the relative expertise of the members of the board and the tribunal; and the relative cogency of the reasoning of the board and the recommendation of the tribunal.

Even if the secretary of state was bound to accept the decision of the tribunal, although the existence of such an improvement was highly material to the decision whether to grant consent, it would not be decisive.

It was open to him to decide, with or without the benefit of the advice of the board, that the improvement was not such as justified the creation of the risk to the public which the grant of leave or transfer to a less secure hospital might occasion.

The only limitation upon the freedom of the secretary of state to consult and act on the recommendation of the board was his obligation to act in a procedurally fair manner.

That required that the secretary of state should tell the applicant the gist of any new information before him; that he should give the applicant an opportunity to make written representations to the board before it reached a conclusion on his case; that a copy of the board's advice to the secretary of state should be provided to the applicant; and that the applicant should be entitled to make written representations on that advice before the secretary of state made his decision.

His Lordship accepted the applicant's contention that the secretary of state had here failed to comply with the requirements of procedural fairness.

Solicitors: Alexander & Partners, Harlesden; Treasury Solicitor.

Damages for WPC shocked by firearm

Schofield v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Thorpe

[Judgment May 14]

A policewoman who suffered post-traumatic shock after a colleague unlawfully discharged a pistol in her presence was more than a mere bystander and was entitled to recover damages against the chief constable for the resulting psychiatric injury.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Peter Nobes, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, from a decision of Sir William MacPherson of Cluny, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench on February 28, 1997 awarding damages of £151,000 to the plaintiff, WPC Lynne Schofield.

Mr Stuart Brown, QC and Mr David Mitchell for the chief constable; Mr Benjamin Nolan, QC and Mr David Hall for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE HUTCHISON said WPC Schofield, accompanied by Acting Sergeant Dodding, had gone to a house in Huddersfield where four guns had been found.

As the guns were being handed over, Sergeant Dodding had pointed a revolver at some folded bedding material and pulled the trigger six times, firing three shots into the bedding.

The sergeant had given no warning of his intention to perform that extraordinary and admittedly unlawful and inexcusable action, but WPC Schofield had realised a second or so before the first shot what he was about to do and had moved to try to protect the two women who had reported the guns to the police.

She had subsequently developed post-traumatic stress disorder and had claimed damages against the chief constable for Sergeant Dodding's negligence.

The issues at trial were whether what he did gave rise to foreseeable risk of injury; if so whether the plaintiff's psychiatric injury resulted from his actions and whether as a matter of law the plaintiff, who had suffered no immediate physical injury, was entitled to recover damages for her psychiatric injury.

Sir William MacPherson had found for the plaintiff on all three issues. The central issue in the appeal was whether the judge was in error in finding that WPC Schofield was a participant in the incident.

That was crucial because if she was a primary victim, the judge's findings that her injury had been caused by Sergeant Dodding's negligence was sufficient to entitle her to recover damages.

In his Lordship's view, the case was covered by the House of Lords authorities of *Alcock v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire* ([1992] 1 AC 310) and *Page v Smith* ([1996] AC 155). Although factually very different, the plaintiff's case was in terms of legal analysis closely analogous to *Page v Smith*.

The relationship between herself and Sergeant Dodding was one of sufficient proximity. They were fellow employees engaged jointly in carrying out a task which their employer required them to undertake.

Sergeant Dodding acted, by firing the gun, in a way which he knew or ought to have known exposed her to the risk of physical injury: and as a consequence, albeit possibly because she might have had a psychologically vulnerable personality, she suffered psychiatric damage.

WPC Schofield had established both that she was herself directly involved in the incident and that she was at risk of physical injury. "Involved" could not mean involved in the act of negligence which caused the damage. It must surely be understood to refer to being involved in the very event in the course of which the negligent act relied on occurred. That was what was to be contrasted with being a bystander.

Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Thorpe agreed.

Solicitors: Mr J. W. F. Holt, Wakefield; Russell Jones & Walker, Leeds.

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RACING: SWINBURN SIGHTS FOURTH DERBY ON CLEAR YORK WINNER

Greek Dance steps lively

BY CHRIS MCGRATH

DURING his long absence from the sport last year, it seemed as though racing's parting memory of Walter Swinburn was destined to be in the blue and yellow silks of Lord Weinstock. That foreboding became a delightful possibility at York yesterday, when Greek Dance confirmed the renewed buoyancy of a career that foundered soon after Pilsudski's success in the 1996 Breeders' Cup.

It was grimly doubted that Swinburn would ever return to the saddle when, struggling with his weight, he decided to miss last season. Yet now he can crave a fourth Vodafone Derby with Greek Dance, the runaway winner of the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Stakes.

As he produced this handsome colt two furlongs out, Swinburn could exult in the sight of Capri and the heavily backed Almandab labouring their way into the heat haze behind him, eventually beaten six lengths and more.



Stoute: classic prospect

Ladbrokes made the Sadler's Wells colt its new 4-1 favourite for Epsom, with Saratoga Springs on 6-1. Coral still favours the form of the previous day's Dante Stakes, offering Greek Dance at 7-1.

"We were all very excited before his victory at Newmarket, and he has progressed again since," Swinburn said. "I confessed to Michael Stoute beforehand that I had butterflies — he just feels so right, he has got everything that goes with a good racehorse. He has a good temperament, doesn't mind the ground and just does enough, even though he has put so much daylight between them here. He's also very manoeuvrable, which should stand him in good stead at Epsom."

Busy Flight has never been so straightforward, but got his act together in a fine race for the Merewood Yorkshire Cup. Restrained early, he pounced on Strategic Choice inside the last to win by threequarters of a length, with the long-time leader, Persian Punch, staying on again in third to promise revenge in the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot.

"Hopefully, the penny's dropped now," Barry Hills, the winning trainer, said. "He has taken a long time to grow up, to settle. I remember the stewards had us in the first day he ran, thinking we were stopping him, but we have had to lay the foundations before the bricks."

Hamdan al-Maktoum's Elnadim is another who might avenge defeat at the royal meeting, in his case with the admirable mare Bollin Joanne, who narrowly exploited his extra burden in the Duke of York BNY International Stakes. She was a first group winner for Tim Easterby, palpably a man worthy of his clan.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: JIBE
(3.40 Newbury)
Next best: Gorse
(2.40 Newbury)

No beating about bush with Gorse

NEWBURY

BBC2



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.40: Gorse made no mistake on his debut at Salisbury 12 days ago, winning by nine lengths in a fast time. Sharpo's offspring appreciate cut in the ground and the only concern would be if the going dries up too quickly. Dim Ots is the form choice on her 14-length victory at Kempton last month. However, that was on bottomless ground and she may have been flattered.

3.10: It could pay to take a chance with **Filmore West**, who won a Goodwood maiden for Paul Cole before joining David Arbuthnot. He disappointed in two runs last term, but has since been gelded and returns on a lenient handicap mark. Papua ran in the Derby last year, but was generally disappointing. However, he reappears here on a mark of only 87 and looks capable of winning a handicap soon.

3.40: Jibe has been crying out for a step up in distance and looks a solid proposition now that she tackles a mile and a quarter for the first time and takes a drop in class. Unlucky not to win the Fillies' Mile at Ascot last year, she shaped well in the Nell Gwyn Stakes before finishing eighth in the 1,000 Guineas. Sultana won at 50-1 on her debut at Newmarket last month and, along with Abyaan, is open to further improvement.

RICHARD EVANS

STRATFORD

THUNDERER

6.00 Now We Know. 6.30 Ashwell Boy. 7.00 Miss Ondee. 7.35 Comedy Gayle. 8.05 Idiot's Lady. 8.35 Storm Forecast.

Carl Evans: 7.35 Bewdley Boy.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.00 TONY METHERELL MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,570: 3m 3f) (12 runners)

1 1141 GALATASORI JANE 9 (F,G) P Nicholls 8-11-12 (6ex) Mr J Tizzard (3)
2 4364 DERRING BRIDGE 9 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Johnson 8-11-10 R Johnson
3 0512 TILTY 51 (V,BF,F,G,S) A Streeter 8-11-6 C Llewellyn
4 F112 NOW WE KNOW 14 (G,S) M Sheppard 10-11-2 S Kelly (5)
5 1141 COMMANCHE CREEK 192 (B,F,G) M Pipe 8-10-12 C Maude
6 2632 ROYAL BARGE 7 (S) P Bowen 8-10-10 W Marston
7 344P BALLYEDWARD 11 (F) R Buckler 8-10-4 P Holley
8 8630 RIVERBANK ROSE 14 (C,G,S) W Clay 7-10-3 G Tormey
9 0PPP CALMOS 96P (S) C Hemsley 11-10-3 Miss A Dudley (7)
10 PP00 RIVER ROOM 7 (B,F,G) C Popham 8-10-2 B Powell
11 -U05 ULURU 7 (F,G,S) C Morlock 10-10-0 T Mortimer (7)
12 P453 OLD ALE 11 (B,F) J Curtis 8-10-0 Mr G Lake (7)

3-1 Galatasori Jane, 5-1 Derring Bridge, 11-2 Commanche Creek, 6-1 Tilty, 7-1 Now We Know, 8-1 Royal Barge, 10-1 Riverbank Rose, 14-1 others

6.30 SCALES OF JUSTICE NOVICES CHASE (£3,730: 2m 5f 110yd) (5) SKY

1 2231 ASHWELL BOY 7 (CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 7-11-10 R Johnson
2 3540 BULLENS BAY 9 (F,G,S) B Llewellyn 9-11-0 B Powell
3 00P0 LOUGH TULLY 13 (S) F Jordan 8-11-0 D Gallagher
4 235U MILLERSFORD 17 (BF,D,G) N Gaselee 7-11-0 C Llewellyn
5 P31/ RUSNETTO 726P (F) R Alner 8-11-0 J Culloty

2-7 Ashwell Boy, 8-1 Millersford, 10-1 Lough Tully, 12-1 Bullens Bay, 14-1 Rusnetto

7.00 QUILTER & CO MARES ONLY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,732: 2m 110yd) (17) SKY

1 2113 MISS ONDEE 16 (BF,D,F,S) M Pipe 4-11-5 C Maude
2 1 GOLDEN MELODY 18F (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-10-12 D Gallagher
3 -660 ACHILL RAMBLER 10 D Nicholson 5-10-10 R Johnson
4 -PPR AVONCLIFF 10 (B) J King 5-10-10 W Marston
5 BURNING COST 79F R Peacock 8-10-10 J Goldstein (5)
6 6 COMMIN' UP 174 Mrs C Hicks 5-10-10 J Culloty
7 /PRP EMMA'S VISION 16 R Hodges 8-10-10 T Dascombe
8 0200 GREATEST FRIEND 11 I Williams 5-10-10 E Husband (3)
9 66 LET'S HANG ON 20 J Turner 5-10-10 J Supple
10 P PRINCESS BELFORT 39F W Clay 5-10-10 Mr B Leavy
11 0-6P RISKY ROSE 13 Graeme Roe 6-10-10 B Powell
12 RPP- RUSHHOME 425P J Panvert 11-10-10 P Henley (3)
13 30- SALSIAN 364 P Winkworth 5-10-10 X Aizpuru (3)
14 FORWARD MISS 10F Mrs L Jewell 4-10-5 M Batchelor (5)
15 43 JANGLYNYVE 22F Mrs M Jones 4-10-5 C Llewellyn
16 0 LOVE VENTURE 13 Miss M Rowland 4-10-5 Gary Lyons
17 PU0 TYROLEAN DANCER 5F A Chamberlain 4-10-5 C Webb (3)

2-1 Miss Ondee, 3-1 Golden Melody, 4-1 Janglynyve, 8-1 Achill Rambler, 10-1 Greatest Friend, 12-1 Avoncliff, 14-1 Princess Belfort, 16-1 others.

7.35 INTERLINK EXPRESS FINAL (Hunters chase: amateurs: £2,898: 3m) (10) SKY

1 1133 COMEDY GAYLE 10 (D,G,S) M Tickley 11-12-5 I Widdicombe (7)
2 3-12 BEWDLEY BOY 38P (D,G,S) J Grey 9-12-0 Miss P Gundry (7)
3 -221 BIG BANDS ARE BACK 11P (D,G,S) C J Gray 6-12-0 L Jefford (7)
4 UU34 COLOURFUL BOY 6P (D,F) H Manners 9-12-0 A Charles-Jones (7)
5 -3P2 KINGSTHORPE 13P (D,F) M Daniell 10-12-0 A Phillips (7)
6 4136 MR MAD 16 (D,S) M P Harner 10-12-0 P Harner (7)
7 U-10 RAGTIMER 48P (D,S) W Bush 8-12-0 S Bush (5)
8 -213 ZODIAC PRINCE 20P (D,F,S) C Banks 6-12-0 M Harris (7)
9 B5P1 NOBBUTJUST 6P (D,F,G) M Harding 8-11-9 G Barfoot-Saunt (7)
10 P2B2 SISTER LARK 5P (D,F,S) P Haskins 9-11-9 D S Jones (7)

2-1 Comedy Gayle, 9-2 Big Bands Are Back, 11-2 Bewdley Boy, 7-1 Kingsthorpe, 8-1 Sister Lark, 12-1 Mr Mad, Nobbutjust, 14-1 others.

8.05 HARRISONS OPTICIANS HANDICAP CHASE (£5,183: 3m) (11)

1 4PFP CELTIC ABBEY 20 (C,D,F,G) Miss V Williams 10-11-10 Mr O Jones
2 4220 STORMTRACKER 27 (BF,D,F) C Weedon 9-11-10 M Richards
3 002P FATHER SKY 46F (B,D,F,G) O Sherwood 7-11-8 J A McCarthy
4 2P3P GREY SMOKE 45 (CD,F,G,S) Miss H Knight 8-11-5 J Culloty
5 RRPR DANGER BABY 13 (B,D,F,G,S) P Bowen 8-11-5 R Johnson
6 3003 HERMES HARVEST 13 (C,D,F,G,S) D Williams 10-11-5 B Powell
7 4PUF IDIOT'S LADY 13 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-3 B Clifford
8 P213 PONGO WARING 154 (BF,F,G) Miss H Knight 9-11-0 J R Kavanagh
9 F16U JAMES PIGG 182 (BF,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 11-11-0 C Maude
10 5324 RANDOM HARVEST 32 (BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 9-10-8 L Wyer
11 6635 EQUITY PLAYER 10 (V,D,F,G,S) R Curtis 13-10-7 C Llewellyn

4-1 Stormtracker, 5-1 Hermes Harvest, 6-1 Idiot's Lady, James Pigg, 7-1 Pongo Waring, Random Harvest, 10-1 Celtic Abbey, Father Sky, 12-1 others.

8.35 LUDDINGTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,477: 2m 6f 110yd) (13)

1 P400 ALPHA LEATHER 60 L Grassick 7-11-0 Mr J Grassick
2 300 AUTUMN BLUNDER 153 A Carroll 6-11-0 A Scholes (7)
3 P5 BENNA BEOLA 108 J Upson 6-11-0 J Supple
4 0 HERE COMES TROUBLE 27 John Berry 7-11-0 L Aspell (3)
5 0P46 KNOCK STAR 11 T Bill 7-11-0 Gary Lyons
6 00-P MILL BAY SAM 136 R Dickin 7-11-0 X Aizpuru (3)
7 60PF SAFE TO ASSUME 20 R Brazington 7-11-0 R Massey (3)
8 -406 STORM FORECAST 63 Miss H Knight 6-11-0 J Culloty
9 4050 THE GADFLY 55 C Jones 6-11-0 S Curran
10 FPPP DUNNICKS COUNTRY 16 (B) F Tucker 8-10-9 S Burrough
11 PP LITTLE FLIMS 24 M Sheppard 5-10-9 M Richards
12 400 PERFECT VIEW 169 J Curtis 5-10-9 Mr G Lake (7)
13 PP45 STRAY HARMONY 11 (B) R Smith 8-10-9 J Goldstein (5)

7-4 Storm Forecast, 5-2 Stray Harmony, 8-1 Safe To Assume, 12-1 Knock Star, 14-1 Alpha Leather, Perfect View, 16-1 Autumn Blunder, 20-1 others.

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THUNDERER

5.45 Cedar Square. 6.20 Tamarindo. 6.50 Evangelica. 7.25 House Of Dreams. 7.55 Song Of The Sword. 8.25 Know-No-No. 8.55 A Day On The Dub.

Carl Evans: 5.45 Cedar Square.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.45 LIVERPOOL ECHO WOMAN EXTRA NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (£1,781: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1 F-P1 CEDAR SQUARE 16 (F,S) V Dartnall 7-12-5 Mr J Jukes (5)
2 1112 LAST OPTION 16 (D,G,S) R Tate 6-12-5 Mrs F Needham (7)
3 1421 HILTONSTOWN LASS 14 (D,G,S) T Walford 8-12-2 Mr R Walford (7)
4 1134 BLANK CHEQUE 6P (G,S) J J Coates 8-12-0 Mr D Coates (7)
5 1362 EASTLANDS HI-LIGHT 13P (G) J Staveley 9-12-0 Mr T Morrison (7)
6 -2PP GOLDEN DROPS 29 (S) D N Hams 10-12-0 Mr A Wintle (7)
7 -P3U RAKI CRAZY 7 O Carter 7-12-0 Mr J Young (7)

9-4 Cedar Square, 11-4 Last Option, 3-1 Hiltonstown Lass, 7-1 others.

6.20 WEATHERBYS INSURANCE SERVICES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,892: 2m 4f) (9) SKY

1 2221 TAMARINDO 10 (G,S) M Pipe 5-11-12 A P McCoy
2 2126 VERIDIAN 17 (G) N Henderson 5-11-6 M A Fitzgerald
3 00P6 BARTON BLACK 32 S Brookshaw 6-11-0 A Dobbin
4 3PP0 BUCKALOON 21 W Brisbourne 6-11-0 R Massey (3)
5 00- COMMANDO DANCER 632 J Mackie 6-11-0 T Eley
6 000 ONE MORE FLING 9 Mrs S Smith 5-11-0 G F Ryan (3)
7 1044 PARIS PIKE 11 (D,F) P Mullins (Ire) 6-11-0 R Thornton
8 2404 SALEEL 11 (BF) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 G Bradley
9 00/6 WAKING 23 Mrs J Brown 7-11-0 G Lee

10-11 Tamarindo, 9-2 Veridian, Paris Pike, 5-1 Saleel, 20-1 others.

6.50 CEDRIC CROSTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,569: 3m 1f) (7) SKY

1 1PP3 EVANGELICA 90 (BF,D,F,S) M Pipe 8-12-0 A P McCoy
2 0B16 COVERDALE LANE 20 (D,G,S) Mrs S Smith 11-10-11 R Wilkinson (5)
3 P1P6 RUSSIAN CASTLE 14 (F,G) J Wade 9-10-4 G Lee
4 1231 JUKE BOX BILLY 53 (F,G) Mrs J Brown 10-10-0 A Dobbin
5 1202 TOSKANO 7 (BF,D,F) D Williams 6-10-0 R Thornton
6 3-4P ALBERT BLAKE 16 (G,S) T R Kinsey 11-10-0 R Bellamy
7 2560 MARLINGFORD 9 (F,S) Mrs J Jordan 11-10-0 S Taylor (3)

3-1 Russian Castle, 7-2 Juke Box Billy 4-1 Coverdale Lane, 5-1 others.

7.25 RADIO CITY 96.7 HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,911: 2m 110yd) (7) SKY

1 1436 YUBRALEE 195 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-12-0 A P McCoy
2 -314 MORE DASH THANCASH 13 (D,G) Mrs M Jones 8-11-11 A Dobbin
3 -230 HIGH IN THE CLOUDS 13 (D,F) T Forster 6-11-8 S Wynne
4 1062 HOUSE OF DREAMS 31 (D,G) G M Moore 6-10-10 N Bentley
5 1604 BALLADUR 7 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-9 G Bradley
6 5F21 WINSFORD HILL 11 (D,F,G) I Williams 7-10-7 (6ex) M A Fitzgerald
7 02P0 FAIRLY SHARP 48 (D,F,G) J Mackie 5-10-5 T Eley

3-1 More Dash Thancash, 4-1 Winsford Hill, 9-2 House Of Dreams, 11-2 others.

7.55 MAGIC 1548 NOVICES CHASE (£2,894: 2m 4f) (4) SKY

1 1-23 EID 20 (D,F,G) Mrs S Smith 9-11-6 R Wilkinson (5)
2 14P2 KINGS MINSTRAL 14 (D,F,G) D Lamb 8-11-6 J Burke
3 13/5 GEMIKOSIX 74 (F,G,S) M Hammond 8-11-0 R Garritty
4 2123 SONG OF THE SWORD 83 (G) J Old 5-10-7 M A Fitzgerald

4-6 Song Of The Sword, 7-2 Eid, 6-1 Gemikosix, 7-1 Kings Minstral

8.25 SUNDAY BEST COUTURE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,622: 2m) (12)

1 134P KNOW-NO-NO 22 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 9-12-0 R Garritty
2 F2P5 BLAIR CASTLE 23 (D,F,G) Miss L Russell 7-12-0 A P McCoy
3 F6F1 CUTHILL HOPE 16 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-8 G F Ryan (3)
4 F035 SAVUTI 209 (F,G) G Balding 9-11-3 S Fox
5 2-F5 BRAZIL OR BUST 187 (D,F,G) P R Webber 7-11-3 G Bradley
6 15U- EASTERN MAGIC 449 (BF,D,F,G,S) G Barnett 10-10-13 P Hide
7 5153 WAYFARERS WAY 51 (D,G,S) N Henderson 7-10-8 M A Fitzgerald
8 3661 FLAMING MIRACLE 48 (B,D,F,G,S) G Barnes 8-10-6 R Farrant
9 2631 LAST TRY 66 (D,F,G,S) B Rothwell 7-10-4 A S Smith
10 4343 TAPATCH 148 (B,D,F,G) M W Easterby 10-10-3 A Dobbin
11 1252 SILVER MINX 11 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0 G Lee
12 5640 CIRCULATION 32 (D,F,G,S) D McCain 12-10-0 S Wynne

4-1 Cuthill Hope, 5-1 Flaming Miracle, 6-1 Last Try, 7-1 Silver Minx, 8-1 others.

8.55 ARCHBISHOP BECK HIGH SCHOOL PFA NH NOVICES HURDLE (£2,788: 2m 110yd) (10)

1 F1F0 WYNYARD LADY 48 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-1 G Lee
2 5562 A DAY ON THE DUB 17 T Tate 5-11-0 R Garritty
3 1R6 GUS CUNNINGHAM 29 (S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 N Smith
4 -605 JUST BAYARD 7 B De Haan 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
5 P0P0 KATSAR 46 M Hammond 6-11-0 A S Smith
6 0036 SILENT ACTION 32 N Smith 6-11-0 M Sharratt
7 4256 SPIDERS DELIGHT 169 T Cuthbert 10-11-0 K Johnson
8 0-03 TOP ACE 23 G Richards 6-11-0 A Dobbin
9 6006 WELDUNFRANK 11 W Brisbourne 5-11-0 G Bradley
10 /PP- WHATASHOT 389 D McCain 8-11-0 S Wynne

9-4 Wynyard Lady, 7-2 A Day On The Dub, Top Ace, 9-2 Gus Cunningham, 8-1 others.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

6.15 Just Bob. 6.40 Super Forum. 7.10 Genuine John. 7.45 Shuttlecock. 8.15 Maridpour. 8.45 The Butterwick Kid.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES)
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.15 HAMILTON PALACE APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (£2,498: 5f 4yd) (10 runners)

1 0300 JUST BOB 6 (CD,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 9-10-0 J Savage (5) 6
2 3000 GORETSKI 13 (CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 5-9-13 R Smith 2
3 0-45 WILLIAM'S WELL 6 (B,D,F,G) M W Easterby 4-8-13 S Rosamore (6) 3
4 -303 BIFF-EM 8 (CD,G) Miss L Perratt 4-8-4 S Buckley 5
5 0-00 PICCOLO CATIVO 18 (D) Mrs G Rees 3-8-3 Angela Hartley (6) 7
6 0000 CAMBRIDGE BLUE 12 (B) I Semple 4-7-12 P Goode (3) 1
7 00-0 PATHAZE 17 (D,F) N Bycroft 5-7-10 Jenny Benson 10
8 0402 DESERT INVADER 15 (BF,S) D Chapman 7-7-10 P M Donno (3) 4
9 000 DUBAI NURSE 24 A Dickin 4-7-10 J Bosley (3) 9
10 00-4 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 8 (CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-7-10 C Cogan (3) 8

4-1 William's Well, 9-2 Desert Invader, 5-1 Goretski, Biff-Em, 6-1 Just Bob, Sunday Mail Too, 12-1 Piccolo Cativo, Pathaze, 25-1 others.

6.40 WILLIE MACFADYEN MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,074: 5f 4yd) (7)

1 MUJAGEM M W Easterby 8-5 T Lucas 1
2 5 BUNDY 5 M Channon 8-3 A Mackay 6
3 SUPER FORUM M Johnston 8-3 J Carroll 5
4 RED VENUS J Berry 8-2 Iona Wands (5) 3
5 0 TEMPRAMENTAL 8 D Haydn Jones 8-2 N Kennedy 2
6 02 VOLCANIC STAR 10 M Bell 8-2 R Mullen (3) 4
7 30 BAYARD LADY 15 D Moffatt 7-12 Darren Moffatt (3) 7

11-4 Red Venus, 7-2 Volcanic Star, 5-1 Super Forum, 11-2 Bundy, 6-1 Mujagem, 8-1 Bayard Lady, 10-1 Tempramental.

7.10 C.M.P.E. GLASGOW HANDICAP (£3,501: 1m 65yd) (15)

1 30-0 QUIET VENTURE 128 I Semple 4-10-0 Darren Moffatt (3) 3
2 02-0 ASKERN 8 (C,F,G) D Haydn Jones 7-9-13 N Kennedy 13
3 0-03 KNOBBLEENEEZE 32 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 8-9-12 A Mackay 8
4 0-31 FLASHTALKIN' FLOOD 12 (CD,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-11 A Culhane 4
5 00-6 TICKNTIMA 9 M Hammond 4-9-5 O Pears 11
6 41-0 JONA HOLLEY 23J (D,S) M Hammond 5-9-0 R Winston (5) 9
7 05-2 THE MUNRO'S 15 J Goldie 4-9-0 K Darley 10
8 06-0 ROSA ROYALE 9 W Storey 4-8-13 J Fanning 6
9 -540 WAGGA MOON 8 M Brittain 4-8-9 D Mernagh (7) 15
10 300- WINSTON 190 (D,G) J Bethell 5-8-9 J Carroll 1
11 2341 GENUINE JOHN 9 (D,G) J Parkes 5-8-9 (6ex) J Fortune 5
12 3022 CABCHARGE BLUE 12 (D,F,S) T Naughton 6-8-6 R Mullen (3) 14
13 4-00 KATIE KOMAITE 12 (V,D,G) Mrs G Rees 5-8-5 F Lynch 2
14 2330 NOBBY BARNES 7 (D,F,G) Enrico Incisa 9-8-5 Kim Tinkler 7
15 3003 SWEET NOTE 8 Miss L Perratt 4-7-10 C Cogan (7) 12

7-2 Knobbleeneeze, 7-1 Flashtalkin' Flood, Cabcharge Blue, 8-1 Jona Holley, Genuine John, Sweet Note, 10-1 Askern, The Munro's, Winston, 14-1 others

7.45 U.K. PLANT SELLING HANDICAP (£2,276: 1m 3f 16yd) (10)

1 0-30 KEEP BATTLING 5 (D,F,G) J Goldie 8-9-10 K Darley 7
2 -064 GADROON 15 P Haslam 4-9-6 J Fortune 2
3 00-0 SPECULATIVE 11 W Storey 4-9-4 J Fanning 4
4 -500 PORTITE SOPHIE 4 (D) M Brittain 7-9-3 D Mernagh (7) 8
5 -004 THANKS KEITH 9 J J O'Neill 3-8-13 J Carroll 5
6 -000 MAREMMA 11 (D,S) Enrico Incisa 4-8-11 Kim Tinkler 6
7 4-61 BREYDON 8 (C,G,S) P Monteith 5-8-11 (6ex) O Pears 3
8 4016 BLUE ANCHOR 39 (D) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-6 A Culhane 10
9 0034 SHUTTLECOCK 4 (S) D Chapman 7-8-6 R Mullen (3) 9
10 4605 HUTCHIES LADY 8 (V,C,S) R McKellar 6-8-5 K Sked (5) 1

5-2 Keep Battling, 4-1 Blue Anchor, 6-1 Breydon, Shuttlecock, 8-1 Gadroon, 12-1 Thanks Keith, Hutchies Lady, 14-1 others.

8.15 M. L. POWER RENTAL MAIDEN STAKES (£3,453: 1m 4f 17yd) (4)

1 MONTY'S RETURN (V) D Moffatt 5-9-12 Darren Moffatt (3) 1
2 3504 ARCTIC STAR 15 V Thompson 3-8-7 O Pears 2
3 02 MARIDPOUR 13 M Stoute 3-8-7 F Lynch 4
4 0-2 RICHMOND HILL 24 B Hills 3-8-7 K Darley 3

10-11 Maridpour, 5-4 Richmond Hill, 14-1 Arctic Star, 16-1 Monty's Return.

8.45 WOODSIDE PNEUMATIC-HYDROVANE HANDICAP (£2,749: 1m 5f 9yd) (8)

1 1043 FILIAL 12 (F,S) J Pearce 5-10-0 K Darley 7
2 -133 THE BUTTERWICK KID 41 (C,G,S) R Fahey 5-9-7 R Winston (5) 8
3 024- SAD MAD BAD 15J (S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3 J Fortune 2
4 1016 TYCOON TINA 17 (BF,C,S) W Brisbourne 4-9-2 R Mullen (3) 3
5 55-0 MIDYAN BLUE 12 (G,S) I Semple 8-9-1 J Carroll 6
6 030- SALSEE LAD 219 I Semple 4-8-13 R Lappin 4
7 3463 NIKITA'S STAR 4 (F) M Brittain 5-8-13 D Mernagh (7) 5
8 004- JUNGLE FRESH 339 J Bethell 5-7-10 Darren Moffatt (3) 1

5-2 The Butterwick Kid, 7-2 Filial, 9-2 Sad Mad Bad, 5-1 Tycoon Tina, 7-1 Nikita's Star, 12-1 Midyan Blue, Salsee Lad, 20-1 Jungle Fresh.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.30 Haroldon. 3.00 Republic. 3.35 Sylvan Dancer. 4.05 Sadler's Blaze. 4.35 Night Dance. 5.10 Lift The Offer.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 NOTTINGHAM SELLING STAKES (£2,320: 1m 1f 213yd) (16 runners)

1 305 ARZANI 36 (V,D,G) D Cosgrove 7-9-8 M Rimmer 11
2 CORONA T Bill 4-9-8 J Stack 15
3 4/0/ COUNT OF FLANDERS 37J (D,F) K Morgan 8-9-8 R Hughes 2
4 055- DIAMOND CROWN 163J (CD,F,G) M Wane 7-9-8 M Roberts 12
5 3-32 ESPERTO 10 (BF,CD,G,S) J Pearce 5-9-8 N Day 9
6 252/ FLYING EAGLE 63J (S) R Simpson 7-9-8 M Gallagher 10
7 /50/ GLOWING PATH 50J (F,S) R Hodges 8-9-8 D Biggs 4
8 00-6 HAROLDON 10 (CD,F,G) B Palling 9-9-8 T Sprake 3
9 3230 JOSEPH'S WINE 98 (B,BF,CD,F,G) J Wharton 9-9-8 P Robinson 13
10 4-00 LIGHTS OF HOME 11 Miss C Johnsey 4-9-8 G Carter 5
11 0 WELSH WARRIOR 57 J Bradley 5-9-8 N Adams 7
12 060- BLUE CHEESE 151J J Jenkins 4-9-3 R Price 14
13 00-5 CHARLTON SPRING 24 (S) R Hodges 4-9-3 P P Murphy (3) 6
14 00-0 EIDER HILL 28 D Morris 4-9-3 A Clark 16
15 006/ FORMENTIERE 541J J Bradley 5-9-3 M Henry 1
16 BIZZIE LIZZIE D Thom 3-8-2 M Baird (3) 8

7-2 Esperto, 5-1 Arzani, 6-1 Joseph's Wine, 8-1 Diamond Crown, Flying Eagle, 10-1 Glowing Path, Haroldon, Charlton Spring, 12-1 others.

3.00 WOODTHORPE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,367: 6f 15yd) (15)

1 ABLE PETE J Dunlop 9-0 T Sprake 4
2 DANDY DANCER S C Williams 9-0 J Stack 5
3 0 DROWNED IN BUBBLY 29 J Eyre 9-0 M Henry 11
4 0 LORD STROLLER 17 (BF) B Millman 9-0 G Carter 8
5 MURPHY'S LAW M Ryan 9-0 A Clark 3
6 4 REPUBLIC 7 R Hannon 9-0 R Hughes 13
7 RUSSIAN COURT D Gandolfo 9-0 V Slattery 10
8 TOUGH GUY M Jarvis 9-0 P Robinson 12
9 WOODCUT P Felgate 9-0 M Roberts 7
10 3 CRACKLE 11 (BF) B Hills 8-9 M Hills 1
11 6 GOLDEN CHARM 11 J Banks 8-9 M Rimmer 14
12 3 KINGFISHERS BONNET 21 S Knight 8-9 R Havlin (3) 15
13 50 MARCH PARTY 17 J Portman 8-9 D Biggs 2
14 5 RAINBOW RAVER 29 C Smith 8-9 G Duffield 9
15 VEGA NEUTRAL P Shakespeare 8-9 Emily Joyce (7) 6

5-2 Republic, 7-2 Crackle, 7-1 Able Pete, 8-1 Lord Stroller, 10-1 Kingfishers Bonnet, 10-1 Golden Charm, 12-1 Tough Guy, 14-1 others.

3.35 BULWELL HANDICAP (£3,287: 5f 13yd) (17)

1 0-60 BEAU VENTURE 5 (D,F,G,S) B Palling 10-10-0 T Sprake 2
2 530- PLEASURE TIME 210 (V,CD,F,G) C Smith 5-9-5 A Clark 5
3 4-04 POLLY GOLIGHTLY 15 (B,D,F,S) M Blanshard 5-9-5 N Adams 15
4 25-0 IMPERIAL HONEY 11 Mrs A Swinbank 3-9-3 G Duffield 17
5 00-0 SWEET MAGIC 44 (D,F,G,S) P Howling 7-9-3 M Roberts 16
6 3340 STATOYORK 18 (F) D Shaw 5-8-10 R Hughes 1
7 1-60 DANCING MYSTERY 11 (B,D) E Wheeler 4-8-10 S Carson (7) 9
8 4110 FEATHERSTONE LANE 15 (D,F) Miss L Siddall 7-8-9 G Carter 8
9 4004 SYLVAN DANCER 10 G Bravery 4-8-6 M Hills 11
10 00-5 PRESS AHEAD 38 B McMahon 3-8-4 S Righton (7) 10
11 0-00 REVENGE IS SWEET 24 B McMahon 3-8-4 J Bramhill 3
12 00-8 CHAKRA 57 (D,F) J Bradley 4-8-3 M Henry 12
13 3041 SOAKED 14 (B,D,G) D Chapman 5-8-2 D Biggs 13
14 000- DONA FILIPA 192 (D,F) Miss L Siddall 5-8-2 P Robinson 7
15 0605 SERRATE 8 (B) D Shaw 4-7-12 R Brisland (7) 4
16 0-50 SOTONIAN 38 (D) P Felgate 5-7-11 Declan O'Shea 6
17 0406 TAKE NOTICE 8 M Wane 5-7-10 S Maloney 14

5-1 Soaked, 6-1 Polly Golightly, 7-1 Featherstone Lane, 8-1 Statoyork, 10-1 Pleasure Time, Imperial Honey, Dancing Mystery, 14-1 others.

4.05 SAXONDALE HANDICAP (£3,948: 2m) (9)

1 0-04 BOWCLIFFE COURT 21 (D,F,S) J Akehurst 6-9-11 A Clark 5
2 6433 PARADISE NAVY 5 (B,D,F,G) C Egerton 9-9-2 R Hughes 7
3 6/0- WORLD EXPRESS 83J (S) B Millman 8-8-7 T Sprake 2
4 0-41 SADLER'S BLAZE 17 (V,G,S) P Harris 4-8-5 G Duffield 6
5 006- TASIK CHINI 234 (G) P Cole 4-8-5 A Whelan 8
6 510- AMIARGE 203 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Brittain 8-8-3 G Carter 9
7 50-0 RANGER SLOANE 6 (D,G) G Fierro 6-7-10 J Bramhill 3
8 0415 BRYNKIR 78 (D) D Murray Smith 4-7-10 S Maloney 1
9 5-00 SHIRTY 27 T Bill 4-7-10 R Brisland (7) 4

7-2 Sadler's Blaze, 4-1 Bowcliffe Court, 9-2 Paradise Navy, 13-2 World Express, 7-1 Ranger Sloane, Brynkir, 8-1 Amiarge, 12-1 others.

4.35 GOTHAM STAKES (£2,679: 1m 54yd) (16)

1 -230 CLASSIC FIND 73 (F) Pat Mitchell 5-9-9 R Studholme (7) 4
2 -102 WHITE SETTLER 18 (F,S) Miss S Wilton 5-9-9 T Sprake 5
3 0-00 ADMIRALS FLAME 25 (D,F,S) C Wall 7-9-6 M Hills 8
4 0-05 BOLLIN FRANK 6 (D,F,S) T Easterby 6-9-6 G Duffield 9
5 0-63 CLASSIC COLOURS 11 G Yardley 5-9-6 V Slattery 6
6 504/ DETACHMENT 584 Miss Z Dawson 5-9-6 R Havlin (3) 16
7 020- DUELLO 21J (BF,F,S) M Blanshard 7-9-6 M Roberts 3
8 00/0 FALLAH 23 Lady Herries 4-9-6 A Clark 13
9 10-8 FIONN DE COOL 38 (D,F,G) J Akehurst 7-9-6 D Biggs 12
10 000- MEZZORAMIO 198 (D,F) K Morgan 6-9-6 Jo Hunnam (5) 2
11 00-0 NIGHT DANCE 64J (D,F,G,S) K Morgan 6-9-6 N Day 7
12 60-6 WILD PALM 14 (CD,G,S) Mrs A E Johnson 6-9-6 G Carter 1
13 350- ZIDAC 202 (F,G) P Makin 6-9-6 D Griffiths (3) 10
14 10-5 BOLD TINA 25 (F) R Hannon 4-9-3 P Dobbs (7) 11
15 400- CALYPSO LADY 203 (G) R Hannon 4-9-3 R Hughes 14
16 5-64 HOBART JUNCTION 25 (B) S C Williams 3-8-7 A Whelan 15

5-1 Fionn De Cool, 6-1 Bollin Frank, 7-1 White Settler, 8-1 Duello, Bold Tina, 10-1 Classic Find, Admirals Flame, Calypso Lady, 12-1 others.

5.10 STRELLEY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,307: 1m) (7)

1 6-63 RACHAELS NORTH 13 R Armstrong 9-7 R Price 3
2 44-0 ASYAAD 14 B Hills 9-7 M Hills 6
3 05-1 SWEET DREAMS 17 (CD,S) J Dunlop 9-7 T Sprake 5
4 540- KHATTAFF 233 M Brittain 9-2 G Carter 4
5 366- MURMOON 253 B Hanbury 9-1 J Stack 7
6 11-0 LIFT THE OFFER 12 (D) R Hannon 8-13 R Hughes 1
7 00-1 RIBBLE ASSEMBLY 7 (D,S) R Fahey 8-1 (6ex) G Duffield 2

3-1 Sweet Dreams, 4-1 Asyaad, 9-2 Ribble Assembly, 5-1 Rachaels North, 6-1 Lift The Offer, 7-1 Murmoon, 10-1 Khattaff.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

NOTTINGHAM: Trainers: B Millman, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; M Jarvis, 6 from 32, 18.8%; J Dunlop, 21 from 122, 17.2%; P Makin, 7 from 43, 16.3%. Jockeys: M Hills, 12 winners from 62 rides, 19.4%; G Duffield, 16 from 106, 15.1%; T Sprake, 17 from 140, 12.1%; P Robinson, 9 from 79, 11.4%.

THIRSK: Trainers: H Cecil, 7 winners from 17 runners, 41.2%; M Stoute, 13 from 35, 37.1%; P Walwyn, 4 from 13, 30.8%; J Gosden, 6 from 22, 27.3%. Jockeys: W Ryan, 9 winners from 30 rides, 30.0%; D Holland, 8 from 30, 26.7%; R Hills, 8 from 38, 21.1%; D Harrison, 6 from 29, 20.7%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hamilton: 7.45 Hutchies Lady. 8.15 Monty's Return. Newbury: 4.45 Flyaway Hill. Nottingham: 2.30 Arzani. 4.35 Hobart Junction. Stratford: 7.00 Avoncliff. 8.05 Equity Player. Thirsk: 2.20 Warrior King, Fancy A Fortune, Anetta. 4.25 Sea Ya Maite

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THUNDERER

2.20 Fancy A Fortune. 2.50 The Editor. 3.25 Night City. 3.55 Deep Space. 4.25 Middle East. 5.00 Unchanged. 5.30 Squire Corrie.

Newmarket Correspondent: 3.55 DEEP SPACE (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 MOWBRAY STAKES (£2,513: 7f) (16 runners)

1 (2) 6206 ALLINSON'S MATE 7 (B,D,F,G) T Barron 10-9-7 J Fortune 64
2 (4) -500 FANCY A FORTUNE 11 (B,G) D Nicholls 4-9-7 Alex Greaves 68
3 (10) 000- FRUGAL 328 B Murray 5-9-7 G Parkin 30
4 (13) 00- GREY PROSPECT 349 M Brittain 4-9-7 R Farmer (7) 27
5 (11) HEADMASTER 21J F Murtagh 5-9-7 O Pears –
6 (14) 4455 LEIGH CROFTER 8 (B,G) J A Harris 9-9-7 T G McLaughlin 63
7 (7) 4000 LOCH STYLE 7 (F) R Hollinshead 5-9-7 A McCarthy (3) 46
8 (16) 0-00 WARRIOR KING 15 (V,D,G) J Banks 4-9-7 W Ryan 52
9 (9) 0-00 ANETTA 7 (B,F) J A Harris 4-9-2 D Harrison 58
10 (1) 0046 CRUZ SANTA 32J M Chapman 5-9-2 Clare Lund (7) –
11 (15) 2550 POSIE CHAIN 78 N Littmoden 5-9-2 D Sweeney (3) 30
12 (12) 2140 BUNNIES OWN 15 (D) J L Harris 3-8-9 L Charnock 51
13 (5) 0432 SNAPPY TIMES 44 (V) M Dods 3-8-9 J Carroll 50
14 (6) 00- NEEDWOOD SPITFIRE 189 B Morgan 3-8-4 D McKeown 40
15 (3) 060- POLLYTEKNICK 298 J Eyre 3-8-4 R Lappin –
16 (8) 0- THWING 273 M W Easterby 3-8-4 Dale Gibson 40

4-1 Snappy Times, 9-2 Allinson's Mate, 5-1 Leigh Crofter, 6-1 Loch Style, 10-1 Fancy A Fortune, Bunnies Own, 14-1 Warrior King, Cruz Santa, 16-1 others.

2.50 GORDON FOSTER STAKES (£3,834: 1m) (8)

1 (1) CHARLIE CHOOK M Mullineaux 4-9-10 L Charnock –
2 (5) 00- PLENTY OF SUNSHINE 450 Mrs N Macauley 5-9-5 P McCabe (3) –
3 (8) 5-5 ABUSAMRAH 11 R Armstrong 3-8-11 R Hills 93
4 (6) 46- CULCRAGGIE 190 J Eyre 3-8-11 T Williams 52
5 (4) 0-4 KING PRIAM 11 W Jarvis 3-8-11 J Fortune 51
6 (7) 0-0 POLSKA MODELLE 12 J Gosden 3-8-11 G Hind 64
7 (2) 5 THE EDITOR 30 (BF) H Cecil 3-8-11 W Ryan 98
8 (3) 24- MILLITRIX 238 M Stoute 3-8-6 D Holland 97

7-4 The Editor, 7-2 Millitrix, 4-1 Abusamrah, 8-1 Culcraggie, Polska Modelle, 10-1 King Priam, 20-1 Plenty Of Sunshine, 25-1 Charlie Chook.

3.25 LEVY BOARD STAKES (£2,583: 1m 4f) (6)

1 (2) 14-0 DESERT FIGHTER 45 (G) Mrs Reveley 7-9-10 A Culhane 58
2 (6) 6100 NIGHT CITY 3 (D,S) K Burke 7-9-10 D Sweeney (3) 78
3 (4) 2164 EVEZIO RUFO 18 (B,S) N Littmoden 6-9-4 A McCarthy (3) 50
4 (5) 030- GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT 154J N Tinkler 5-9-2 K Darley 73
5 (3) 040- REINHARDT 13J (F) L Lloyd-James 5-9-0 T Williams 62
6 (1) 335- HILL FARM DANCER 340 (D,F) W Brisbourne 7-8-7 A Garth 50

9-4 Desert Fighter, 3-1 Night City, 4-1 Hill Farm Dancer, 5-1 others.

3.55 ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND MAIDEN STAKES (£3,210: 6f) (19)

1 (12) 4-2 BUSHWHACKER 32 C Egerton 4-9-7 D Harrison 89
2 (4) HILLINSKI M Mullineaux 4-9-7 J Lowe –
3 (6) 0 BOLD SARAH 22 R Hollinshead 4-9-2 A Culhane –
4 (13) 00- DYCE 214 J Balding 4-9-2 J Edmunds –
5 (16) 0 ADOBE 12 J Gosden 3-8-11 G Hind 50
6 (15) 04 BLACK ARMY 12 J Eustace 3-8-11 J Tate 77
7 (6) 0-60 BOUNDLESS SHAPE 11 L Cumani 3-8-11 O Urbina 56
8 (1) 40- DEEP SPACE 237 (BF) E Dunlop 3-8-11 K Darley 85
9 (2) 0 EAST WINDS 12 P Walwyn 3-8-11 W Ryan 67
10 (14) 3600 HOUSE ON FIRE 56 G Woodward 3-8-11 S D Williams 43
11 (10) 0 HUSSAR 26 C Thornton 3-8-11 D McKeown 29
12 (17) 3-30 MAMMA'S BOY 22 J Berry 3-8-11 P Fessey (3) 85
13 (7) 5-32 NUCLEAR DEBATE 6 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-11 J Fortune 88
14 (3) 00 PLUS A SONG 5 J Eyre 3-8-11 R Lappin 52
15 (18) ROCKY STALLONE W McKeown 3-8-11 R Winston (5) –
16 (11) 03- TIE BREAK 182 W Haggas 3-8-11 F Lynch 50
17 (9) AMOROSO C Thornton 3-8-6 Dale Gibson –
18 (19) 6 KINGDOM RUBY 13 Miss J Camacho 3-8-6 L Charnock 73
19 (5) 0-60 LESLEY'S ADVENTURE 37 E Alston 3-8-6 J F Egan 49

9-4 Nuclear Debate, 4-1 Deep Space, 8-1 Bushwhacker, Adobe, 10-1 Boundless Shape, 12-1 Black Army, 14-1 Tie Break, 16-1 others.

4.25 49'S DICK PEACOCK SPRINT HANDICAP [SHOWCASE RACE] (£7,961: 6f) (24)

1 (18) 0010 YOUNG BIGWIG 6 (C,D,G) D Chapman 4-10-0 A Culhane 80
2 (24) /600 HAWA AL NASAMAAT 6 (F) M Brittain 6-10-0 M Byrne (7) 68
3 (3) 0-00 JAWHARI 18 (F) D Nicholls 4-9-12 Alex Greaves 86
4 (11) 00-0 BACCHUS 11 (D,G) Miss J Camacho 4-9-9 L Charnock 70
5 (15) 0-00 MOUCHE 13 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-8 J Fortune 80
6 (16) 36-0 GRAND CHAPEAU 59 (CD,G) D Nicholls 6-9-8 F Norton 78
7 (7) -000 BENZOE 27 (CD,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9-7 D Sweeney (3) 68
8 (14) 00-4 NIGHT FLIGHT 11 (D,G) R Fahey 4-9-7 R Winston (5) 89
9 (8) 0310 IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 15 (B,G) K Ivory 5-9-4 G Faulkner (5) 86
10 (9) 300- THWAAB 209 (V,D,F,G) F Watson 6-9-4 F Lynch 74
11 (10) 30-2 BRECONGILL LAD 11 (G) M Hammond 6-9-3 D McKeown 82
12 (22) 330- THISTLE PARK 239 (BF) T Barron 3-9-3 K Darley 55
13 (17) 0030 RUM LAD 6 (D,F,S) J J Quinn 4-9-1 G Parkin 70
14 (1) 1-00 MIDDLE EAST 14 (B,D,F,S) T Barron 5-9-0 D Holland 80
15 (13) 0300 ALFAHAAL 43 (F,S) C Dwyer 5-8-12 J Lowe 79
16 (21) 3120 MIKE'S DOUBLE 11 (V,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-10 P McCabe (3) 71
17 (5) 3521 UNSHAKEN 7 (D,S) E Alston 4-8-10 (6ex) J F Egan 87
18 (4) 006- ARCHELLO 205 (F) G Oldroyd 4-8-7 K Hodgson 77
19 (2) 100- MISS ELIMINATOR 282 (G) J L Harris 3-8-7 W Ryan 61
20 (12) 00-3 LOBANLEA 7 W Musson 4-8-5 D Harrison 68
21 (19) -060 KING UNO 7 (V,D,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-5 A McCarthy (3) 70
22 (23) 0-03 SEA YA MAITE 8 (B,D) S Bowring 4-8-2 Dale Gibson 68
23 (6) 1212 BALLANTRAE BOY 8 (G) J Goldie 4-8-2 J McAuley (7) 84
24 (20) 348- DOUBLE POWER 242 L Lloyd-James 3-8-0 T Williams 70

7-1 Brecongill Lad, 8-1 Unshaken, Ballantrae Boy, 10-1 Young Bigwig, 12-1 Jawhari, Mouche, Night Flight, Rum Lad, 14-1 others.

5.00 HELMSLEY HANDICAP (£5,605: 2m) (9)

1 (4) 15-0 EMBRYONIC 14 (D,F,G) M Todhunter 6-9-10 D Holland 75
2 (2) 0-22 ONEFOURSEVEN 84 (BF,CD,F,G) J Eyre 5-9-2 T Williams 92
3 (1) 0153 NOUFARI 6 (D,G) R Hollinshead 7-8-10 A McCarthy (3) 81
4 (9) 0-54 SHADIRWAN 18 (CD,F,S) Mrs A Perrett 7-8-8 D Harrison 84
5 (8) 03-0 CHARNWOOD JACK 44 (F) M Todhunter 5-8-6 W Ryan 81
6 (3) 1-66 UNCHANGED 17 (D,F,S) J A Harris 6-8-6 D Sweeney (3) 81
7 (5) 040/ BACKWOODS 531 (D,G) W Brisbourne 5-8-6 A Garth –
8 (7) 00-0 GREAT EASEBY 45 (D,F) W Storey 8-8-1 L Charnock 89
9 (6) 0013 NORTHERN MOTTO 9 (D,F,S) J Goldie 5-8-1 J F Egan 77

5-2 Onefourseven, 5-1 Noufari, Great Easeby, 6-1 Embryonic, Shadirwan, 7-1 Northern Motto, 12-1 Unchanged, 16-1 others.

5.30 KILBURN HANDICAP (£3,886: 5f) (11)

1 (10) 0000 SQUIRE CORRIE 2 (G) D Chapman 6-10-0 A McCarthy (3) 91
2 (8) 00-0 KIRA 15 (D,F,G) J Eyre 8-9-12 R Lappin 71
3 (3) 5025 NOBALINO 17 (V,D) Mrs Macauley 4-9-7 P McCabe (3) 77
4 (2) 200- ROYAL DOME 192 (D,F,G) M Wane 6-9-2 W Ryan 84
5 (6) 405- FOR THE PRESENT 236 (F,G) T Barron 8-9-1 D Holland 89
6 (7) 5-50 BALLYMOTE 17 (D,F) J Berry 4-8-9 P Fessey (3) 79
7 (9) -000 SOUTHERN DOMINION 14 (B,D,F,G,S) Miss J Craze 6-8-2 T Williams 80
8 (1) 0-62 STORYTELLER 8 (V,D,G) M Dods 4-8-1 Dale Gibson 86
9 (4) -000 HI MUJTAHID 7 (B,F) S Kettlewell 4-8-1 J F Egan 77
10 (5) 40-8 SANDMOOR TARTAN 11 (F) T Easterby 3-7-12 L Charnock 76
11 (11) 000- TINKER'S SURPRISE 225 (F) J Balding 4-7-10 N Carlisle 72

11-4 For The Present, 7-2 Storyteller, 5-1 Royal Dome, 6-1 Ballymote, 8-1 Southern Dominion, 10-1 Squire Corrie, Nobalino, 12-1 others.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.10 Golden Silca 3.40 Jibe
2.40 Gorse 4.15 On The Ridge
3.10 GRIEF (nap) 4.45 Zoom Up

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.40 GORSE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Jibe. 4.15 On The Ridge.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 HIGHCLERE STUD FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,967: 5f 34yd) (7 runners)

101 (6) 111 KASTAWAY 11 (D,F,S) (D Winter) J Berry 9-0 G Lowther 102
102 (1) 12 GOLDEN SILCA 10 (CD,S) (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Channon 8-8 T Quinn 115
103 (2) 2 SMITTENBY 12 (W Hanson-Allan) Mrs P Dutfield 8-8 J Quinn 90
104 (7) AMAZING DREAM (Mr P & S P Jubert) R Hannon 8-5 Dane O'Neill –
105 (3) AUBRIETA (A Saeed) C Brittain 8-5 L Dettori –
106 (4) DASHIBA (J Smith) D Elsworth 8-5 S Drowne –
107 (5) VINTAGE PRIDE (P Adams, M Grant & W Hawkings) R Hannon 8-5 Pat Eddery –

BETTING: 9-4 Golden Silca, 3-1 Kastaway, 6-1 Aubrieta, Vintage Pride 8-1 Amazing Dream, 10-1 others.

1997: NADWAH 8-5 K Darley (12-1) P Walwyn 5 ran

2.40 FURLONG CLUB CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,866: 6f 8yd) (8 runners) BBC2

201 (7) 11413-0 BODYGUARD 29 (D,F,G,S) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-9 T Quinn 94
202 (8) 35530-1 BOLD EDGE 43 (CD,S) (Lady Whent & Friends) R Hannon 9-5 Dane O'Neill 109
203 (4) 31312-0 JIMMY TOO 13 (D,S) (J Graham) B McMahon 9-5 R Cochrane 108
204 (5) 11634- TITANIC 200 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-5 L Dettori 102
205 (3) 412266- CORTACHY CASTLE 200 (BF,F) (Mrs E Lorpeners) B Meehan 9-0 Pat Eddery 115
206 (6) 1 GORSE 12 (D,S) (Greenfield Ltd) H Candy 9-0 C Rutter 117
207 (2) 21230-1 DIM OTS 34 (D,F,S) (Mrs D Hughes) B Palling 8-9 K Fallon 97
208 (1) 0010-04 AJIG DANCER 11 (Timberhill Racing Partnership) M Channon 8-6 J Reid 100

BETTING: 3-1 Gorse, 4-1 Dim Ots, 9-2 Bold Edge, 13-2 Jimmy Too, 7-1 Titanic, Cortachy Castle, 8-1 others

1997: TOMBA 9-9 K Darley (9-2) B Meehan 7 ran

FORM FOCUS Bodyguard 7¾l 7th of 8 to Yorkies Boy in stakes (listed) at Newmarket (5f, soft). Bold Edge beat Tajasur neck in stakes at Leicester (5f 218yd, soft). Jimmy Too 13l 13th of 18 to King Of Kings in group 1 stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to soft). Titanic 2¼l 4th of 8 to Legs Be Frendly in stakes at Lingfield (5f, good) with Cortachy Castle (1lb worse off) 3¾l 6th. Gorse beat Premier Baron 9l in maiden at Salisbury (6f, good to soft). Dim Ots beat Robin Goodfellow 14l in handicap at Kempton (6f, soft). Ajig Dancer 13l 4th of 6 to Island Race in stakes at Kempton (6f, good)

GORSE made an impressive debut and can cope with this step up in class

3.10 MIDGHAM HANDICAP (£5,605: 1m 4f 5yd) (13 runners) BBC2

301 (1) 2065-00 GRIEF 13 (D,G) (M Balcomb) D Elsworth 5-9-13 N Pollard (7) 97
302 (11) /2030-0 MERSEY BEAT 23 (B Pennick) G L Moore 4-9-12 W R Swinburn 93
303 (4) 030065- PAPUA 43J (F) (R Hitchins) I Balding 4-9-12 L Dettori 93
304 (10) 4/3430- BIT ON THE SIDE 188 (D,G,S) (B Beale) N Berry 9-9-7 A Eddery (7) 95
305 (3) 522215- AWESOME WELLS 235 (BF,G) (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 4-9-7 K Fallon 99
306 (9) 020046- PREMIER NIGHT 239 (C,D,F,G) (D Churston) S Dow 5-9-5 T Quinn 96
307 (13) /21/00- FILMORE WEST 20C (F) (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 5-9-3 S Whitworth 78
308 (2) 10400-0 AL'S ALIBI 12 (CD,G,S) (J Haim) W Muir 5-8-11 J Reid 95
309 (12) 514500- KIM'S BRAVE 195 (F,G) (J Sim) B Meehan 3-8-10 Pat Eddery 88
310 (5) 1432-00 SUDEST 21 (D,F) (R Hitchins) I Balding 4-8-9 Martin Dwyer 96
311 (8) 00/000- KINGS ASSEMBLY 213 (F,G,S) (Everhopeful) J Smyth-Osbourne 6-8-5 R Perham 89
312 (6) 01-6012 RANDOM KINDNESS 10 (BF,D,F) (949 Racing) R Ingram 5-8-4 A McGlone 95
313 (7) 230-000 MYSTIC RIDGE 17 (P Byrne) B Curley 4-7-13 J Quinn 102

BETTING: 4-1 Awesome Wells, 5-1 Papua, 11-2 Random Kindness, 8-1 Al's Alibi, Grief, Mersey Beat, Mystic Ridge, 10-1 Kim's Brave, 12-1 Premier Night, 14-1 Bit On The Side, 25-1 others.

1997: WHITECHAPEL 9-9-10 L Dettori (5-2 fav) Lord Huntingdon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS Grief 11l 12th of 14 to American Whisper in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). Mersey Beat 15l 8th of 11 to Assured Gamble in handicap at Epsom (1m 4f 10yd, soft). Papua 13¾l 5th of 20 to Ihtiyati in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). Bit On The Side 77l 23rd of 24 to Sabadilla in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft) previously 3½l 3rd of 9 to Grief (6lb worse off) in handicap at Epsom (1m 4f 10yd, good). Awesome Wells 22l 5th of 6 to Ferny Hill in limited stakes at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm), previously beat Teme Valley 3½l in 10-runner maiden stakes at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good). Premier Night 10l 6th of 10 to Jiyush in handicap at Newbury (2m, good to firm). Filmore West 15l 15th of 17 to Al Azhar in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). Al's Alibi 16l 7th of 11 to Arctic Owl in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). Kim's Brave 4l last of 7 to Trigger Happy in 2yo stakes (listed) at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). Kings Assembly 40l 14th of 19 to Priolo Prima in handicap at Leicester (1m 1f 218yd, good to soft). Random Kindness 2l 2nd of 15 to Cohiba in handicap at Brighton (1m 3f 196yd, good). Mystic Ridge 65l 11th of 16 to Sadler's Blaze in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f 15yd, soft).

GRIEF, unsuited by the slow early pace at Newmarket, can return to his best

3.40 NEWBURY FILLIES TRIAL STAKES [SHOWCASE RACE] (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £11,340: 1m 2f 6yd) (5 runners) BBC2

401 (1) 1 ABYAAN 17 (D,S) (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-9 L Dettori 76+
402 (3) 643-25 AKARITA 9 (Barouche Stud Ltd) B McMahon 8-9 T Quinn 97
403 (5) 6- GENOA 195 (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-9 Pat Eddery 88
404 (4) 412-30 JIBE 12 (R Abdulla) H Cecil 8-9 K Fallon 123
405 (2) 1 SULTANA 30 (S) (Lady Rothschild) J G Smyth-Osbourne 8-9 R Perham 84

BETTING: 4-6 Jibe, 9-2 Abyaan, 6-1 Genoa, 8-1 Sultana, 12-1 Akarita

1997: YASHMAK 8-9 K Fallon (1-2 fav) H Cecil 4 ran

FORM FOCUS Abyaan beat Red Ramona 2l in 11-runner stakes at Bath (1m 2f soft). Akarita 17l 5th of 8 to High And Low in listed fillies stakes at Chester (1m 3f 79yd, good), previously 3l 2nd of 6 to Mondschein in maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, soft). Genoa 7¾l 6th of 18 to Pontoon in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). Jibe 27l 8th of 16 to Cape Verdi in group 1 stakes at Newmarket (1m, good). Sultana beat Alona Dancer ¾l in 15-runner maiden at Newmarket (7f, soft)

JIBE, eighth in the 1,000 Guineas, should appreciate this longer trip

4.15 CROOKHAM MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,198: 1m) (22 runners)

501 (12) ALCAZAR (J Repard, F Melrose, O Pawle, M Stokes) J Dunlop 9-0 T Quinn –
502 (4) 2- CONNOISSEUR BAY 225 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid 108
503 (7) 65- DILKUSHA 210 (T Painting) B Meehan 9-0 R Ffrench 88
504 (13) DOM SHADEED (D Shirley) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 W R Swinburn –
505 (15) EATON SQUARE (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 A McGlone –
506 (20) 5 ELEGANT HERO 25 (B Allen) R Hannon 9-0 P Fitzsimons (7) 61
507 (10) 04- GOLDEN REPRIMAND 210 (G Teo) R Hannon 9-0 R Perham 95
508 (1) I WISH YOU LOVE (B Lalemant) R Hannon 9-0 W J O'Connor –
509 (2) ON THE RIDGE (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 9-0 K Fallon –
510 (18) PACIFYC (T Benson) W Muir 9-0 Martin Dwyer –
511 (17) 00-03 PANTAR 12 (R Hitchins) I Balding 9-0 Pat Eddery 104
512 (19) SULEYMAN (Lady Annabel Goldsmith) R Charlton 9-0 R Cochrane –
513 (22) 0- TEMPER LAD 336 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori 60
514 (11) 02000-0 UP THE WALL 81 (Up The Wall Partnership) John Berry 9-0 A Nicholls (7) 78
515 (8) 00 WILD COLONIAL BOY 11 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill 78
516 (21) COPPER COOKIE (Silver & Blue Horse Racing Club) M Polglase 8-9 G Lowther –
517 (14) FREDORA (Peter Goldring) M Blanshard 8-9 J Quinn –
518 (16) 0 INDIAN FLAG 12 (P Sweeting) J Bridger 8-9 A Daly (3) –
519 (5) 0-0 MIDSUMMER ROMANCE 17 (T Waddington) B Meehan 8-9 M Tebbutt 75
520 (9) 0-0 PRECISION FINISH 17 (Alan Spargo Ltd Toolmakers) J Cullinan 8-9 L Newton –
521 (3) 5 PUSSY GALORE 14 (R Toolt) D Elsworth 8-9 S Drowne 90
522 (6) 0 RIVERS RAINBOW 14 (R Mead) D Chappell 8-9 S Sanders –

BETTING: 5-2 Connoisseur Bay, 7-1 On The Ridge, 8-1 Eaton Square, Golden Reprimand, 10-1 others.

1997: FAITHFUL SON 9-0 J Reid (12-1) M Stoute 16 ran

4.45 MAY HANDICAP (£4,094: 1m 2f 6yd) (22 runners)

601 (18) 1200- METEOR STRIKE 48J (D,F) (S Tindall) Mrs A Perrett 4-10-0 Pat Eddery 69
602 (20) 0-01413 TOUGH LEADER 45 (BF,F) (G Grayson) B Hanbury 4-9-12 R Ffrench 63
603 (12) 5150-42 ABAJANY 10 (G) (J White & Partners) M Channon 4-9-12 T Quinn 85
604 (4) 3145-00 VOLA VIA 27 (D,F,S) (G Smart) I Balding 5-9-12 Leanne Masterton (7) 89
605 (13) 41110/0 HUGWITY 14 (D,G,S) (M Whatley) G Bravery 6-9-11 W R Swinburn 66
606 (19) 0044-00 ZOOM UP 14 (G) (I Maeda) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-10 S Sanders 87
607 (17) 3-60224 PREMIER GENERATION 18 (CD,S) (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 5-9-7 S Whitworth 91
608 (8) 22254-6 RUSSIAN RELATION 27 (Mrs J Fuller) Mrs P Dutfield 4-9-4 J Quinn 69
609 (2) 36450-1 CARLYS QUEST 14 (V,D,S) (J Neville) J Neville 4-9-3 L Dettori 84
610 (16) 32021-0 MONO LADY 17 (B,D,F,S) (Monolatic Refractories) D Haydn Jones 5-9-2 S Drowne 83
611 (10) 2120-00 RON'S PET 29 (G) (G Teo) R Hannon 3-8-13 K Fallon 85
612 (7) 430140- THATCHMASTER 226 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 7-8-12 Paul Eddery 86
613 (22) 010006- BEVIER 52J (F) (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-11 Martin Dwyer 79
614 (21) 6306-50 PRINCESS DANIELLE 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Wickham) W Muir 6-8-11 J Reid 87
615 (5) 021451- ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 226 (D,G) (M Lawrance) N Berry 5-8-9 Dane O'Neill 82
616 (9) 04000-0 PUNKAH 31J (D,F) (McCourt Fine Meats Ltd) G McCourt 5-8-7 W J O'Connor 79
617 (3) 0/503-0 FLYAWAY HILL 11 (B) (Pendley Fliers) P Harris 4-8-6 C Lowther 70
618 (6) 2410-00 SILVERY 27 (D,G) (The Hallmark Partnership) S Woodman 4-8-6 R Cochrane 84
619 (15) -411245 SEA DANZIG 73 (D,F) (P Cook) J Bridger 5-8-3 A Daly (3) 76
620 (11) 43200-0 SAN GLAMORE MELODY 11 (949 Racing) R Ingram 4-8-2 A McGlone 75
621 (1) 0-65210 ARDENT 15 (G) (R Lamb) C Benstead 4-8-0 C Rutter 85
622 (14) 04-0450 JILLY WOO 4 (Mrs J Wotherspoon) P Hayward 4-7-10 P Doe (5) 78

Long handicap: Jilly Woo 7-4.

BETTING: 13-2 Carlys Quest, 7-1 Abajany, 8-1 Tough Leader, Premier Generation, 10-1 Ron's Pet, 12-1 Mono Lady, Thatchmaster, Absolute Utopia, 14-1 others.

1997: PREMIER GENERATION 4-8-13 S Whitworth (7-1) D Arbuthnot 22 ran

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CRICKET

Giddins maintains rich seam of form in two-day triumph

BY RICHARD HOBSON

DERBY (second day of four): Warwickshire (23pts) beat Derbyshire (4pts) by an innings and 61 runs

WARWICKSHIRE set their season in motion with clinical efficiency yesterday. If it is stretching the point to suggest that such a resounding success endorses the view of the bookmakers, who consider them favourites to win a third title in five seasons, it is only because Derbyshire provided such weak opposition.

Nonetheless, this victory was every bit as typical as a heavy defeat in the previous first-class game, against Surrey, had been out of character. The manner in which Ed Giddins completed the win by uprooting the off stump of Andrew Harris carried a certain symbolism. A dismissal could not have appeared any more emphatic. Not since 1913 had Warwickshire beaten Derbyshire by an innings, yet they achieved superiority in every area and won with more than two days to spare.

Welch and Frost extended their ninth-wicket stand to 85 yesterday as Warwickshire established a lead of 234 and then dismissed the home side for 173.

Giddins returned figures of four for 62 to give him seven wickets in a match for the second time with his new county. David Graveney, the chairman of the selectors, saw him stray occasionally down the leg side, but swing the ball away at something quicker than medium pace. While Giddins is not an immediate candidate for England selection, his time may come later in the summer.

Yet, as in the first innings, Derbyshire gave all too much assistance, four of the top six batsmen perishing by playing forceful strokes. Perhaps they thought could hit their way out of trouble. Lara knew otherwise and maintained an attacking field, even when Barnett and Clarke were racing towards a 50 stand in eight overs.

Nothing was more predictable than the demise of Clarke shortly after slicing Brown over cover for six. He drove extravagantly from the crease again, this time to a full-length ball by Welch, to present Frost, a tidy and unobtrusive wicketkeeper, with a regulation catch.

Giddins had secured the first wicket in the third over when he flicked the off stump of Rollins and Tweats pushed Brown firmly to gully shortly after lunch. Spendlove might consider himself unfortunate that Knight dived to his right at third slip to hold a blinding catch. For others, poor strokes drew an appropriate result.

Krikken fenced at Welch and Barnett, the most accomplished Derbyshire batsman by a distance here, presented a low catch to Hemp at point when Giddins returned. By this time Giles had settled into a rhythm from the Scoreboard End, beating Blackwell's flimsy defence before Giddins accounted for DeFreitas with a straight yorker.

Cork showed some responsibility, but the only question then was whether his side could take the game beyond the halfway stage. They lost all 20 wickets over the two innings in 88 overs and the victory against Nottinghamshire, with which they began the season, seems a distant memory.

There is better news for Derbyshire in that Slater, the Australia opening batsman, hopes to return for the Axa League game on Sunday a month after breaking his hand. Meanwhile, Barnett says he intends to delay an operation on his right knee until the end of the season.

At least Cork declined to hide behind excuses and acknowledged that the bowlers are "struggling as a unit". Diagnosing a problem is one thing; correcting it is quite another.

Spinners turn game in Surrey's favour

BY JOHN STERN

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 393 runs behind Surrey

THE remodelled Ian Salisbury and Saqlain Mushtaq, playing his first championship match of the season, spun Surrey into a winning position yesterday against a Hampshire side that was a batsman light even before its first innings started.

Hampshire took the field without John Stephenson, their former captain, who has a viral infection and is unlikely to play any further part in this match. Given that Hampshire followed on last night, and lost both openers, his presence will be missed.

Resuming at 434 for five, Surrey were bowled out for 591 half an hour after lunch. Brown, on 111 overnight, carried on merrily before becoming McLean's fourth victim, and there was a surprise down the order too, where Bicknell and Tudor rattled up 91 for the ninth wicket.

Tudor took the first Hampshire wicket in the second over when he trapped Laney leg-before playing across the line. Saqlain, the off spinner, entered the attack in the fifteenth and immediately bowled White with a ball that appeared to straighten.

Salisbury, who is clearly benefiting from his coaching by Terry Jenner, also took a wicket in his first over, knocking James's off stump out with a flipper. Saqlain bowled Keech, who played across the line, and had Aymes caught by Adam Hollioake at short leg off a full-blooded sweep.

Tudor returned to clean up the tail after Udal and Mascarenhas, who made an excellent maiden first-class fifty, had held up the visitors. The only blemish on Surrey's day was a discussion between the captain, Adam Hollioake, and umpire, Ray Julian, who appeared unhappy with the state of the ball.



WINSTON BYNORTH

Bailey, fielding at second slip for Northamptonshire, prepares to catch McGrath, of Yorkshire, off the bowling of Rose

Langer resists Caddick's fury

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (second day of four): Middlesex, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, lead Somerset by 102 runs

AFTER Wednesday's hectic events, more normal service was resumed yesterday. The pitch quietened, the over-rate was dismally slow and the batsmen, by and large, were in control, except when Caddick was in full flight. A delayed start cost 20 overs, but by the end of the day Middlesex had more than made up lost ground.

Although Somerset gained a lead of 49, chiefly through the agency of Mark Lathwell's excellent 91 in the face of Richard Johnson's seven wickets, Justin Langer was equal to the task of restoring the balance. In scoring his second championshhip half-century of the season, the Australian showed nothing fancy but, in his forthright style, seldom let a bad ball go unpunished.

Having reached 53 from 86 balls, he was put down at second slip off the first ball of Caddick's excellent second spell. Some recompense came Caddick's way when he yorked Gatting in the same over with the great man some distance short of his 83rd century.

Owais Shah, who went leg-before to Caddick, will remember this match for his first pair. He is a good enough player for it to be his last. Caddick continued to bowl with fire and fury as the evening shadows lengthened, and young David Nash did well to avoid a similar fate before seeing out the day with Langer. Well as these two batted, however, Lathwell did not suffer by comparison.

Smith helps students to make the grade

FENNER'S (second day of three): Glamorgan, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 163 runs ahead of Cambridge University

AFTER only three hours' play in their two previous first-class encounters this season, and with the Johnson Fry Trophy to defend tomorrow in The Parks, Cambridge will be thankful that the weather has permitted two full days' play (Rupert Cox writes). The students indulged themselves on a Fenner's featherbed to the extent that they had the effrontery to declare 72 runs behind Glamorgan and soothe the twitching nerves of their coach, Derek Randall.

Three of the students' batsmen made half-centuries and a fourth, Ed Smith, the Kent opener, made an attractive 44 in 75 balls before slicing to point off Simon Jones, the son of Jeff, the former England left-armer.

Smith, in his first innings of the season, having taken time out to concentrate on his history studies, added 75 for the first wicket in conjunction with another former Tonbridge schoolboy, James Pyemont.

Glamorgan had 20 overs before the close and, after rejigging their batting order, they raced to 91 for one, with Tony Cottey's unbeaten 42 spanning 54 balls. Having lost in the Parks last summer, Cottey, also the captain on that occasion, may not be so generous with his declaration today.

Sussex forge ahead against weak attack

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 38 runs behind Sussex

SOMEONE will score a mountain of runs against Nottinghamshire this summer, judging by the batting of Toby Peirce. Jamie Carpenter and Keith Newell, three uncapped Sussex players, who turned the game around yesterday (Michael Austin writes).

From the overnight depths of 49 for three, Sussex achieved an improbable first-innings lead, exposing glaring shortcomings in the opposing attack. Ball beat bat less than on the first day and the discipline of Peirce, who made 96 in almost 5½ hours, was the base for Sussex's revival.

Carpenter, 22, hit a career-best 65 before being run out by Strang's direct hit. He shared a fifth-wicket stand of 147 with Peirce and completed a half-century with a straight six off Strang. Newell also batted with aplomb as Sussex showed they can flourish even if Adams and Bevan fail.

Strang's inability to find length and line typified the home side's plight and it took Dowman, an occasional medium-pacer, to dislodge Peirce and Newell.

Nottinghamshire lost Pollard, Wharf — with a king pair — and Robinson, all to Kirtley, as they struggled to 11 for three.

Yorkshire bow to youthful promise

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Yorkshire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 37 runs behind Northamptonshire

IT HAS not taken long for the wheel to turn. Yorkshire have been muscling people out of their way everywhere this season so they cannot grumble if a team refuses to oblige. Not many people would have marked down Northamptonshire as the likely strong-armers and victory, which they almost completed last night, will make them feel a good deal happier.

Two players, separated by the length of a career, served the Tudor cause best. Paul Taylor is the honest footsoldier, a 33-year-old left-arm swing bowler, who has given excellent service, and can see the final tape. Graeme Swann is a 19-year-old freshman who offers finger spin as well as his batting. By nightfall, he had offered quite a bit on both counts.

The old 'un and the greenhorn made 71 for the ninth wicket before Swann drove to gully when he was one run short of his maiden first-class fifty. Taylor, like all bowlers who come in off a long run, loves to smack the ball, and he had carved 32 runs, good, bad and indifferent, when the innings ended with Northamptonshire 184 ahead.

After Rose had McGrath taken at second slip, Taylor turned to his stronger suit with considerable effect. First, he ripped out Vaughan, caught behind down the legside, and then he had Wood snaffled by Swann at first slip. If Swann had a wish it was probably to come on and take a couple of wickets himself, which he duly did when White was lbw on the back foot and Lehmann nicked one to slip.

What happened next confounded even his expectations. Hutchison, the night-watchman, padded up to the arm ball and Swann had taken three for two in ten balls. Yorkshire were in a pickle at 135 for seven, and the bowler was leaping up and down like a six-year-old, which, in cricket terms, he is.

When the jubilant Malcolm missed a return chance he wouldn't have got near at noon on the most dazzling of days the umpires deemed the light poor enough to make the batsmen an offer.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Warwickshire

DERBY (second day of four) Warwickshire (23pts) beat Derbyshire (4) by an innings and 61 runs

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 36 (D R Brown 5 for 40)

Second Innings

A S Rollins b Giddins	0
T A Tweats c Welch b Brown	14
B J Spendlove c Knight b Brown	0
K J Barnett c Hemp b Giddins	39
V P Clarke c Frost b Welch	26
†K M Krikken c Frost b Welch	2
*D G Cork not out	32
I D Blackwell b Giles	3
P A J DeFreitas b Giddins	9
P Aldred c Hemp b Giles	6
A J Harris b Giddins	5
Extras (b 13, lb 10, w 2, nb 6)	31
Total	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-24, 3-25, 4-80, 5-90, 6-121, 7-124, 8-141, 9-154

BOWLING: Giddins 20.1-6-62-4, Brown 12-3-45-2; Welch 8-4-17-2; Giles 16-7-26-2

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

N V Knight c Krikken b DeFreitas	109
M J Powell c Krikken b Cork	0
D L Hemp c Spendlove b Aldred	59
*†D C Lara c Krikken b DeFreitas	53
D P Ostler c Tweats b Aldred	1
D R Brown c Clarke b Harris	0
N M K Smith c Cork b Harris	3
A F Giles b Aldred	1
G Welch c Clarke b Blackwell	54
†T Frost c sub b DeFreitas	33
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (b 8, lb 9, nb 32)	49
Total (99.2 overs)	332

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-138, 3-179, 4-186, 5-189, 6-199, 7-204, 8-247, 9-332

BOWLING: Cork 24-3-81-1; DeFreitas 29.2-7-91-3, Harris 12-0-53-2; Aldred 27.4-6-93-3, Clarke 4-0-10-0; Blackwell 3-1-11-1

Umpires: J H Harris and T E Jesty

Durham v Essex

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of four): Durham, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 195 runs ahead of Essex

DURHAM: First Innings 276 (M A Gough 62, M C Ilott 4 for 49)

Second Innings

M A Gough lbw b Irani	16
†M P Speight c Hussain b Williams	10
J A Daley lbw b Williams	26
*N J Speak not out	41
P D Collingwood not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 2)	11
Total (3 wkts)	104

FALL OF WICKETS 1-12, 2-33, 3-98.

BOWLING: Ilott 10-1-34-0; Williams 10-4-10-2, D R Law 8-5-5-0, Irani 5-0-25-1; Wilson 3-0-16-0; Grayson 2-1-5-0.

ESSEX: First Innings

D D J Robinson c Speight b Foster	11
A P Grayson b Betts	8
*N Hussain run out	12
S G Law c Speight b Phillips	18
R C Irani c Speak b Harmison	29
S D Peters c Speight b Wood	16
†R J Rollins c Gough b Wood	1
D R Law c Rosebery b Wood	25
D G Wilson c Collingwood b Betts	14
M C Ilott c Speight b Harmison	8
N F Williams not out	12
Extras (b 3, lb 6, w 12, nb 10)	31
Total (66.4 overs)	185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-41, 3-47, 4-75, 5-112, 6-115, 7-120, 8-161, 9-187

BOWLING: Betts 17-8-30-2; Harmison 17.4-3-47-2; Wood 16-4-54-3; Fosser 10-1-29-1, Phillips 6-2-15-1

Bonus points: Durham 6 Essex 4

Umpires: A A Jones and K E Palmer

Gloucestershire v Leicestershire

BRISTOL (second day of four) Gloucestershire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 71 runs behind Leicestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 134 (C C Lewis 6 for 60, A D Mullally 4 for 33)

Second Innings

R J Cunliffe lbw b Lewis	8
T H C Hancock c Maddy b Millns	4
A J Wright lbw b Millns	2
*M W Alleyne b Maddy	56
M G N Windows b Mullally	39
J Lewis not out	11
M J Church lbw b Mullally	5
†R C Russell not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 6, nb 10)	22
Total (8 wkts)	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-10, 3-18, 4-130, 5-134, 6-139.

BOWLING: Mullally 15-6-35-2; Millns 9-2-22-2; Lewis 14-4-45-1; Wells 6-2-13-0; Brimson 7-2-15-0; Simmons 2-1-1-0; Maddy 5-2-9-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells b Smith	120
D L Maddy c Russell b Smith	0
I J Sutcliffe c Ball b Smith	2
B F Smith not out	121
P V Simmons c Russell b Lewis	0
A Habib c Russell b Smith	5
†P A Nixon c Alleyne b Lewis	24
*C C Lewis lbw b Lewis	22
D J Millns b Alleyne	14
A D Mullally b Walsh	10
M T Brimson lbw b Smith	2
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 6, nb 14)	31
Total (103.1 overs)	351

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-24, 3-177, 4-188, 5-201, 6-270, 7-304, 8-328, 9-346

BOWLING: Walsh 26-1-131-1, Smith 24.1-7-66-5; Lewis 22-4-67-3; Alleyne 15-5-51-1; Ball 16-5-25-0

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4 Leicestershire 8

Umpires: J H Hampshire and M J Harris.

Hampshire v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 393 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Surrey

SURREY: First Innings

M A Butcher c Aymes b McLean	106
A J Stewart lbw b James	69
G P Thorpe c Aymes b Mascarenhas	32
*A J Hollioake c Mascarenhas b McLean	30
A D Brown lbw b McLean	155
B C Hollioake c Aymes b McLean	13
†I N Batty lbw b Mascarenhas	63
I D K Salisbury c Aymes b Mascarenhas	7
A J Tudor b Hartley	48
M P Bicknell c Smith b Udal	36
Saqlain Mushtaq not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 13, w 14, nb 6)	40
Total	591

Score at 120 overs: 434-6

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-118, 2-176, 3-247, 4-269, 5-295, 6-482, 7-500, 8-500, 9-591.

BOWLING: McLean 29.4-107-4; Hartley 28.0-107-1; Stephenson 5-1-23-0; James 27-6-104-1; Mascarenhas 25-4-119-3; Udal 27.2-3-94-1; Laney 2-0-14-0; White 1-0-5-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

G W White b Saqlain Mushtaq	33
J S Laney lbw b Tudor	2
K D James b Salisbury	18
*R A Smith c Batty b Salisbury	29
M Keech b Saqlain Mushtaq	1
A D Mascarenhas not out	60
†A N Aymes c A J Hollioake b Saqlain Mushtaq	1
S D Udal c Saqlain Mushtaq b Tudor	20
P J Hartley c Thorpe b Tudor	6
N A M McLean c Butcher b Tudor	0
J P Stephenson abs	0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 4, nb 18)	29
Total (54 overs)	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-54, 3-66, 4-67, 5-119, 6-134, 7-175, 8-189, 9-189.

BOWLING: Bicknell 7-3-22-0, Tudor 8-3-32-4, B C Hollioake 4-1-15-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 20-5-82-3; Salisbury 15-3-61-2.

Second Innings

G W White c Stewart b Bicknell	1
J S Laney c Batty b Tudor	0
P J Hartley not out	6
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (2 wkts)	9

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-9.

BOWLING: Tudor 2.5-1-3-1; Bicknell 2-1-6-1

Bonus points: Hampshire 2 Surrey 8

Umpires: A Clarkson and R Julian

Kent v Lancashire

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Lancashire, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 233 runs ahead of Kent

KENT: First Innings 186 (M A Ealham 73)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

N T Wood c Marsh b Hooper	27
M A Atherton c Hooper b Fleming	152
J P Crawley c Marsh b Patel	0
N H Fairbrother b Hooper	16
A Flintoff b Hooper	42
M Watkinson c Fleming b Phillips	87
†W K Hegg not out	51
*Wasim Akram c Fulton b Fleming	7
I D Austin b Patel	7
P J Martin not out	2
Extras (b 13, lb 9, w 2, nb 4)	28
Total (8 wkts)	419

Score at 120 overs: 343-5

G Keedy to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-65, 3-90, 4-180, 5-301, 6-384, 7-392, 8-415.

BOWLING: Headley 28-3-87-0; Phillips 19-6-58-1; Fleming 19-3-51-2; Ealham 18-8-36-0; Hooper 32-7-84-3; Patel 30-8-80-2.

Bonus points: Kent 2 Lancashire 7

Umpires: G I Burgess and A G T Whitehead.

Middlesex v Somerset

LORD'S (second day of four): Middlesex, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 101 runs ahead of Somerset

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 204 (A R Caddick 4 for 74)

Second Innings

R A Kettleborough c Turner b Caddick	19
J L Langer not out	80
M W Gatting b Caddick	20
O A Shah lbw b Caddick	0
D C Nash not out	25
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (3 wkts)	151

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-100, 3-108.

BOWLING: Caddick 20-4-51-3; Shine 10-1-38-0; Rose 9-3-27-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 12-3-32-0

SOMERSET: First Innings

*P D Bowler c Brown b Fraser	19
M Burns lbw b Johnson	4
K A Parsons c Langer b Johnson	3
J H Harden b Johnson	33
M N Lathwell c Brown b Johnson	91
†R J Turner c Nash b Johnson	0
K J Shine b Johnson	9
M E Trescothick c Brown b Fraser	1
G D Rose c Weekes b Fraser	16
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	22
A R Caddick c Brown b Johnson	0
Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 8, nb 10)	25
Total (78 overs)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-33, 3-45, 4-142, 5-152, 6-168, 7-187, 8-206, 9-253

BOWLING: Fraser 21-5-51-3; Hewitt 20-4-74-0, Johnson 23-4-86-7, Tufnell 11-2-18-0; Shah 2-0-12-0; Weekes 2-0-5-0

Bonus points: Middlesex 5 Somerset 6

Umpires: D J Constant and J W Lloyds

Northamptonshire v Yorkshire

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Yorkshire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 37 runs behind Northamptonshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 148 (D E Malcolm 6 for 54)

Second Innings

A McGrath c Bailey b Rose	26
M P Vaughan c Ripley b Taylor	13
*D Byas lbw b Malcolm	34
M J Wood c A J Swann b Taylor	3
D S Lehmann c Curran b G P Swann	27
C White lbw b G P Swann	10
P M Hutchison lbw b G P Swann	4
†R J Blakey not out	4
D Gough not out	10
Extras (lb 4, nb 12)	16
Total (7 wkts)	147

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-57, 3-75, 4-102, 5-125, 6-132, 7-135

BOWLING: Malcolm 12.4-1-57-1; Rose 15-5-42-1; G P Swann 7-1-20-3; Taylor 9-3-23-2; Curran 1-0-1-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie lbw b Hutchison	22
A J Swann c Blakey b Hutchison	5
M B Loye lbw b White	28
R J Bailey c Blakey b Gough	35
D J G Sales b White	60
†D Ripley c Blakey b White	35
*K M Curran c Stemp b White	2
G P Swann c White b Silverwood	49
F A Rose lbw b Gough	10
J P Taylor not out	32
D E Malcolm b White	0
Extras (b 6, lb 12, w 6, nb 30)	54
Total (108.3 overs)	332

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-40, 3-93, 4-121, 5-206, 6-220, 7-223, 8-248, 9-319.

BOWLING: Gough 28-5-82-2; Silverwood 27-6-84-1; Hutchison 25-6-68-2, White 20.3-5-46-5; Stamp 8-1-34-0.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 7 Yorkshire 4

Umpires: J F Steele and R A White.

Nottinghamshire v Sussex

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four) Nottinghamshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 38 runs behind Sussex

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 275 (P Johnson 68; M A Robinson 4 for 57)

Second Innings

P R Pollard lbw b Kirtley	0
M P Dowman not out	7
A G Wharf c Adams b Kirtley	0
R T Robinson c Jarvis b Kirtley	0
Extras (nb 4)	4
Total (3 wkts)	11

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-1, 3-11

BOWLING: Lewry 3-1-10-0; Kirtley 2.2-1-1-3.

SUSSEX: First Innings

M T E Peirce lbw b Dowman	96
W G Khan c Wharf b Oram	0
*C J Adams run out Bowen	0
M G Bevan lbw b Bowen	18
R J Kirtley b Strang	6
J R Carpenter run out Strang	65
K Newell b Dowman	48
†S Humphries c Noon b Bowen	19
P W Jarvis lbw b Strang	25
J D Lewry b Bowen	0
M A Robinson not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 13, w 10, nb 18)	44
Total	324

Score at 120 overs: 324-9

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-47, 4-61, 5-208, 6-223, 7-283, 8-311, 9-312

BOWLING: Bowen 30.5-7-79-3, Oram 23-6-61-1; Wharf 18-3-61-0, Strang 29.3-10-74-2, Gallian 1-1-1-0-0, Dowman 18-6-33-2

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 6 Sussex 7

Umpires: V A Holder and R Palmer

Other match

Cambridge University v Glamorgan

FENNER'S (second day of three): Glamorgan, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 163 runs ahead of Cambridge University

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 342 for 4 dec (A W Evans 125, A D Shaw 71, A Dale 59)

Second Innings

M J Powell c House b Loveridge	27
*P A Cottey not out	42
G P Butcher not out	12
Extras (b 4, w 2, nb 4)	10
Total (1 wkt)	91

FALL OF WICKET: 1-73

BOWLING: Lowe 6-0-25-0; Janisch 3-0-32-0, Loveridge 7-1-13-1, Moffat 4-0-17-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

J P Pyemont c Evans b Dale	54
E T Smith c Powell b Jones	44
*D Hughes c Thomas b Law	84
G R Loveridge c Butcher b Cosker	7
W J House b Law	50
Imran Mohammad not out	7
†M J Birks not out	3
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 13)	21
Total (5 wkts dec)	270

P Schofter, A N Janisch, P L Lowe and P J Moffat did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-144, 3-161, 4-253, 5-260

BOWLING: Parkin 16-6-39-0; Jones 13-1-56-1, Cosker 21-4-57-1; Butcher 12-2-43-0, Dale 12-3-38-1; Law 8-1-29-2.

Umpires: G Sharp and P Carrick.

AON TROPHY: Old Trafford: Lancashire 210-6 (M E Harvey 100 not out, C P Schofield 52), Derbyshire 204-7 (S Stubbings 59, M Steele 85) Lancashire won by 6 runs.

Alleyne in lonely act of defiance

BY IVO TENNANT

BRISTOL (second day of four): Gloucestershire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 71 runs behind Leicestershire

FOR Mark Alleyne, the captaincy of Gloucestershire is no sinecure. They are not strong enough for that. When he came to the wicket yesterday, his side was 201 runs behind Leicestershire with eight second-innings wickets in hand and the restoration of collective pride was as desirable as championship points. He and Matt Windows put on 112 and achieved one, if not the other, of these aims.

After being reduced to 16 for three, Gloucestershire did at least ensure that a third day would be necessary. The same failings were evident in their batting as in the first innings. Cunliffe was leg-before to Lewis without offering a shot, for a second time; Hancock, his technique adrift against Millns's pace, was well held at third slip by Maddy; and Wright, half-forward, was out leg-before.

Alleyne and Windows then batted with no little gumption on a pitch that is becoming more conducive to stroke-play as the match continues. The ball swung, but not as much as on the first morning. The captain reached his half-century off 117 balls with ten fours, but was out to Maddy shortly before the close.

This is a timely moment for a batsman to be joining Gloucestershire as Gregor Macmillan, who left Leicestershire at the end of last season, did yesterday. To judge by the batting of his new colleagues in this match, he will be in the side straight away.

The most worthy application yesterday came from Ben Smith, whose innings of 121 took him 6hr 17min. He hit 13 fours and, assisted by Nixon, Lewis and Millns, enabled Leicestershire to build up a lead that should be quite sufficient to bring about victory today.

Speak takes to role of stand-in

BY PAT GIBSON

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of four): Durham, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 195 runs ahead of Essex

NICK SPEAK has always seemed such an unassuming character during his dozen seasons in county cricket that it came as a surprise to see the way that he took a grip on this match yesterday. Not even David Boon, Durham's captain and inspiration, could have done it better.

Speak, captaining Durham in the championship for the first time because both Boon and his vice-captain, John Morris, are injured, handled his young bowlers superbly as Essex were dismissed for 186 and then led the way in building purposefully on a first-innings lead of 91.

Boon says that the big improvement in his first year at Durham was in the way they competed and it showed in this performance in the field.

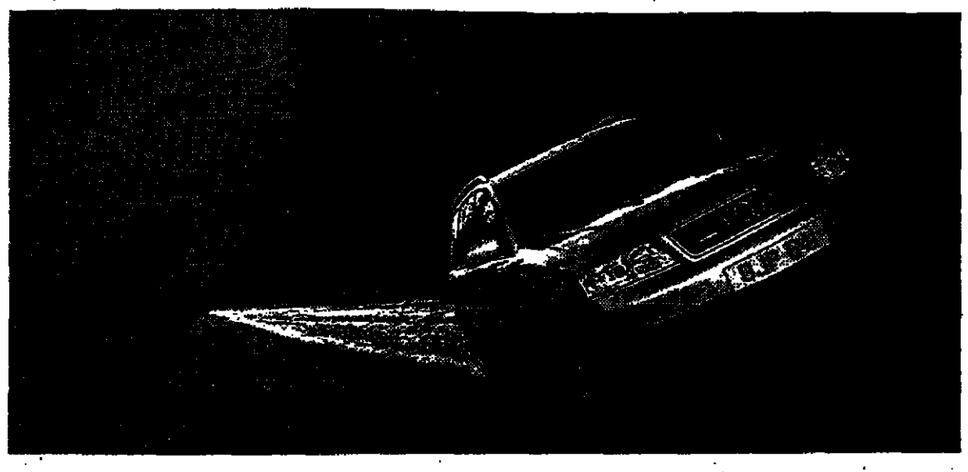
The four seamers all did well. Betts bowling Grayson in an impressive opening spell, Harmison revealing real promise once he found his line, Foster defeating Robinson with a perfect outswinger and Wood weighing in with three good wickets.

Phillips, imaginatively introduced 40 minutes before lunch, turned his off breaks to take the important wicket of Stuart Law and Gough, the debutant, got into the act by running out Hussain from mid-wicket.

It was not Hussain's day. His bowlers could not get anything like as much out of the pitch as Durham's had done and when he appeared to take a tumbling catch in the covers when Speak was on 41, the umpire, Allan Jones, asked him whether he had taken the ball cleanly.

Hussain admitted that he was not sure and Speak, who had set off towards the pavilion, was allowed to continue his innings.

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BY SIMON

CANTERBU of four, Lancash first-innings are 22

MICHAEL ATHE before the start he intended ful of runs ... comfort Englan him in their Test team time he was ... yesterday ... made his ... laboured ... second-highest ... longest ... ous rearguard ... nesburg in Dec...

There was ... selectors ... there did not need to ... mere fact ... this week started ... again will ... should ... rueful expression ... to the players ... gested he ... long-overdue ... Strangely ... blessed ... concentration ... made one ...

The England ... can rest assured ... Atherton has ... lous best ... playing on a fine ... After he had got ... nicks through ... his system ... burning on his ... of 42, he scored ... error until he ... attempted ... keeper off ... Fleming.

By then he had ... his name and been ... 466 minutes, ... shorter than ... against India at ... two years ago ... eight runs fewer ... taking stuff at ... becalmed on ... either side of lunch ... 32 overs moving ... eighties and ...



SHEEHAN

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN

Begin Bridge with The Times ... In most trick-taking ... own hand. But ... declarer. (That is ... of the game.) The ... starts the declarer's ... the table. It is called ... the play – the declarer ... the declarer can be ... convention when ... declarer. Hence North ...

In bridge literature, the dummy is always ... like this:

But when actually ... the game dummy puts ... hand down with the ... columns, like this:

There is no preferred ... contract the trump ... above hand were ... trumps).

To give an example of ...

North
A K 4
West
J 10 9
South
Q 8 5

West leads the jack of ... card to play from ... and queen separately ... But he has to be ... dummy and the queen ... one a trick. Lay it out and ... the North-South cards.

One final thought ... articles in general. ... material will not ... without some effort ... into it that you would ... problems.

Next week I will discuss ... learning about the play ...

You can get the first five ... stamps to me at *The Times*, ... Mark the envelope 'Bridge Lessons'.

By Phillip Howard

OLDERKIN
a. Distant relatives
b. A potter's furnace
c. Beer barrel

QUARTERMARK
a. A pebble scar
b. An ovary
c. Right control

OTHO
a. Grand
b. Four
c. A

WINNER
a. A
b. An
c. A

CRICKET

Atherton's long haul should seal Test place

BY SIMON WILDE

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Lancashire, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 233 runs ahead of Kent

MICHAEL ATHERTON said before the season began that he intended to score a "bucketful of runs" for Lancashire and compel England to include him in their Test team. By the time he was out at Canterbury yesterday evening he had made his point and risked labouring it, having played his second-highest and second-longest innings since his famous rearguard action at Johannesburg in December 1995.

There was not an England selector in attendance but there did not need to be. The mere fact that Atherton has this week started scoring runs again will satisfy them and should satisfy him, though his rueful expression as he retired to the players' balcony suggested he had his eye on a long-overdue double-century. Strangely, for a man so blessed with the power of concentration, he has never made one.

The England management can rest assured that this was Atherton back at his meticulous best, albeit that he was playing on a fine batting pitch. After he had got a couple of nicks through the slips out of his system shortly after resuming on his overnight score of 42, he scarcely made an error until he top-edged an attempted cut to the wicket-keeper off the bowling of Fleming.

By then he had 152 runs to his name and been batting for 466 minutes, one minute shorter than his innings against India at Trent Bridge two years ago, when he made eight runs fewer. It was painstaking stuff at times — he was becalmed on 84 for 49 minutes either side of lunch and spent 32 overs moving through the eighties and nineties — but acceptable within the context of a four-day match that Lancashire are dominating.

Equally, it was not a performance to dissuade the selectors from ahering to their *plans to overlook him* for the one-day internationals next week, games Atherton has also stated a desire to play. It was his first hundred in any competitive match for eight months. In all, he hit 14 fours and towards the end was playing at something like his most fluent.

Kent's partisan spectators, of course, were not overly taken with having to watch a Lancastrian occupy the crease for nearly eight hours — ironic cheers greeted his 85th run — but eventually even they grudgingly acknowledged his accomplishments. *In any case,* they could take pride in their team's bowling, which was always disciplined and demanded Atherton's respect. It sorely lacked the cutting edge that McCague provides. He relishes bowling at the former England captain.

Atherton was understandably slow reaching what was only his fifth championship century in five seasons but enterprising batting by Flintoff and Watkinson kept the score moving briskly. Flintoff should have made more but Watkinson, who is under pressure for his place, played magnificently. He selflessly took risks and, reprieved at cover when his score was in the thirties, struck 87 out a fifth-wicket partnership of 121.

When he holed out on the mid-wicket boundary, having hit 14 fours and a six off 115 balls, Hegg took over and marshalled further useful runs with the tail once Atherton went. *Lancashire, who* began the day 96 in arrears, were 419 for eight at stumps, a lead of 233. Kent will have to play exceptionally well to escape from here.

MARC ASPLAND



Bergkamp, left, retains possession despite the attentions of Keown during Arsenal's training session yesterday

Bergkamp winning his fight

BY MATT DICKINSON

INTERROGATED about the fitness of their star player 48 hours before a leading final, most managers turn to subterfuge, or just as often, blatant lies. Not Arsène Wenger, who believes a straight question merits a straight answer, and so it was yesterday that the Arsenal manager revealed that Dennis Bergkamp, against all expectations and medical bulletins this week, is now likely to start the FA Cup Final against Newcastle United tomorrow.

It is a measure of the confidence that the FA Carling Premiership title has brought them that Arsenal felt no need yesterday to prevaricate over the state of Bergkamp's hamstring. It is also a sign of just how much Bergkamp's appearance will mean that the Dutchman was forced to break *with tradition last night* by receiving his Footballer of the Year award from the Football Writers' Association before dinner, rather than after it, to allow him to retreat earlier to bed.

That, in itself, was a strong indication that the Holland striker is on course to start at Wembley and Wenger said nothing yesterday to contradict that growing belief. "I am much more hopeful today," Wenger said. "He [Bergkamp] had a scan which showed the injury was not deep inside his muscle, only superficial and he trained this morning properly for the first time and had no reaction. He will train again tomorrow and we will see how he feels on the morning of the game.

"Dennis has told me he wants to play and at the moment I'm really not sure. It is a cup final so you need to be 100 per cent and the most important thing is that Dennis is right in his own mind. He is the kind of player who cannot be distracted and it is important he is not scared about being injured again, particularly with the World Cup coming up. The doctor has said he will not forbid him to play and Dennis says he feels all right."

While Bergkamp is likely to exercise some caution, the fact that he was sitting in the stands rather than cavorting around the Highbury pitch with his team-mates during the victory over Everton that clinched the championship weighs heavily on his mind. He is determined to grab his share of the spotlight and, after a season in which he has produced some performances of rare class, who could blame him?

"At the moment it is looking good," he said yesterday. "It's only Thursday and I have a chance to play, but I will only do it if I'm 100 per cent. I came through all right this morning and I will have a tougher test in training tomorrow, but we will not really know for certain until Saturday morning when I get out of bed and stretch. Then I will know immediately whether I am up for it."

Bergkamp's likely return will mean that Wenger must choose between Ian Wright and Nicolas Anelka for the other striker's role. Either way, Newcastle will have viewed yesterday's bulletin with understandable alarm.



Light fantastic hides Sunderland's flaws

ROKER PARK has been replaced by Wimpey homes, but it is not mourned in Sunderland where the magnificent 42,000-capacity Stadium of Light is undoubtedly fit for the FA Carling Premiership (Matt Dickinson writes). However, one vital question remains — is the Sunderland team?

The Nationwide League first division play-offs have set up a clash between Peter Reid's side, whose 3-2 aggregate victory over Sheffield United in the semi-finals belied an inability to defend a lead, and Charlton Athletic at Wembley.

For those who oppose the play-offs, Sunderland and Charlton finished third and fourth in the table,a situation reflected in all the ties.

In the second division, *Grimsby Town* have a Wembley date with Northampton Town, who finished one place below them, as it was in the third division, where Colchester United play Torquay.

EQUESTRIANISM

Early-bird Skelton catches best conditions

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

NICK SKELTON, of Great Britain, gained a comfortable win on the rain-soaked opening day of the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday. Skelton and Virtual Village Carte Gene relegated Andrew Davies on Captain Wellington to second place by 1.25sec in The *Samsung* Electronics *Speed* Stakes, the opening international class.

The heavy rain had made the going in the repositioned Castle Arena deep and holding, and Skelton was lucky to be drawn fourth out of 37 in the class. Davies, who has been selected by Britain for the Madrid Nations Cup later this month, was 31st to ride and did well to record his fast time over the increasingly sticky going.

Skelton has had a lean time since selling Tinka's Boy, his top horse, to Switzerland last year, but Carte Gene, 8, is one of two young horses in his Warwickshire yard that seem on course for international success. Giselle, also 8, underlined her ability with a superb performance in the La Baule Nations Cup last weekend — her only mistake occurring at the water.

Carte Gene, who was gelded three weeks ago, is a less extravagant jumper but, as he showed yesterday, his economical style is impressive against the clock. Despite the improvement of both horses, Skelton is reluctant to have them considered for the world championships this October. "At eight they're not ready for the pressure — the last thing I want to do is overface them," he said.

☐ British showjumping received a timely boost yesterday with the announcement at Windsor that Traxdata, the CD company, is putting more than £3 million into the sport over the next three years.

It is to sponsor a series of classes at six shows in addition to three riders — Tim Stockdale, a national rider, Stuart Harvey, a regular Nations Cup competitor, and Peter Charles, a former European champion. Traxdata also plans a £50,000 prize for the national circuit to give support at grassroots level.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Blue Sox coach resigns

■ **RUGBY LEAGUE:** John Pendlebury, the Halifax Blue Sox coach, resigned yesterday after 15 months in charge, blaming the club's three-man board for his sudden decision.

Pendlebury, a former Wigan and Halifax player, said: "The inability of the board of directors to work collectively has given me no alternative. The simple fact is that the three-man board's refusal to communicate with each other makes it very difficult to work effectively and maintain morale."

■ **BOXING: Guecorgui Kandelaki, of Georgia, the world's leading amateur heavyweight and considered to be capable of following in the footsteps of Lennox Lewis, joined the same boxing stable as the Briton yesterday. Panix, the London promotion company, bettered offers by Don King, Main Events and Bob Arum, all American promoters, to secure him.**

■ **JUDO:** Great Britain's women made a fine start to the European *championships in Oviedo,* Spain, yesterday. Kate Howey, Chloe Cowen and Karina Bryant all came through their preliminary fights without problems to stay in contention for gold medals tomorrow. Bryant's victory at heavyweight over Brigit Olivier, of Belgium, achieved inside a minute, was particularly impressive.

■ **BOWLS: Wales, the champions, have made several positional changes for the women's home internationals in Llandrindod Wells next month and have drafted in two new caps, Sue Cottell and Hazel Wilson. England have reshuffled their line-up, introducing three newcomers, Sharon Rickman, Val Newson and Sue Hawkesworth, and recalling two former internationals, Wendy Barnard and Carole Walters.**

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

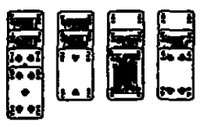
Begin Bridge with The Times: Lesson 5 – The Dummy

In most trick-taking games, e.g. Whist, each player plays his own hand. But in bridge one of the players is called the *declarer*. (That is something determined in the auction phase of the game.) The other side are the *defenders*. When the play starts the declarer's partner puts his whole hand face up on the table. *It is called the dummy. Dummy takes no part in* the play – the declarer is in charge of both hands. Although the declarer can be any of the players at the table, the usual convention when writing about the game is to have South as declarer. Hence North is dummy.

In bridge literature, the dummy is always written like this:

♠ K J 7 5
♡ K Q 2
◇ A K Q
♣ A K 4

But when actually playing the game dummy puts his hand down with the suits in columns, like this:



There is no preferred sequence, except that if it is a trump contract the trump suit *should be on dummy's right (i.e. if the* above hand were played in a suit contract spades would be trumps).

To give an example of declarer's responsibilities:

North
♡ A K 4
West ♡ J 10 9 East ♡ 7 6 3 2
South
♡ Q 8 5

West leads the jack of hearts, and then declarer decides what card to play from dummy. Provided he plays the ace, king, and queen separately on each trick, he can make three tricks. But he has to be careful not to play, for example, the ace from dummy and the queen from his hand – that would eventually cost a trick. Lay it out and practise taking all three tricks with the North-South cards.

One final thought about these bridge lessons (and bridge articles in general). No matter how well bridge is taught, the material will not jump off the page and rewire your brain without some effort from you. You must put the concentration into it that you would do for the crossword, or the chess problems.

Next week I will discuss MiniBridge, the best method of learning about the play phase of bridge.

☐ You can get the first five lessons by sending five 26p stamps to me at *The Times*, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN. Mark the envelope 'Bridge Lessons'.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Brilliant wins

Lord Hardinge of Penshurst won a brilliant game in the annual match between the House of Lords and the House of Commons. It is given below. The overall score favoured the Commons, although they were assisted by one former MP and Commons team captain, Michael Stern and an official from the German Embassy, Hans Wrede, who stepped in to fill the breach when two Commons members failed to appear.

SCORES: Lord Hardinge v Dr Evan Harris MP 1-0, 0-1; Lord Winston v Nick Palmer MP 1-0, 1-0; Lord Rennell v Dafydd Wigley MP 0-1; Lord Rennell v Hans Wrede 0-1; Lord Kilbracken v David Kidney MP 1-0, 0-1; Marquess of Bath v John Heppell MP 1-0, 0-1; Lord Gage v William Thompson MP 1-0, 0-1; James Vallance White v Hans Wrede 0-1; James Vallance White v Michael Stern 0-1.

White: Lord Hardinge
Black: Dr Evan Harris MP

Lords v Commons match
RAC, London 1998

Pirc Defence

1	e4	d6
2	d4	Nf6
3	Nc3	g6
4	Bg5	Bg7
5	f4	Nbd7
6	Nf3	0-0
7	e5	Ne8
8	Bc4	c5
9	Nd5	Qa5+
10	c3	e6
11	Ne7+	Kh8
12	0-0	d5
13	Bd3	f6
14	Nh4	fxg5
15	fxg5	Nxe5
16	dxe5	c4
17	Nfxg6+	hxg6
18	Nxg6+	Kg8

Black resigns

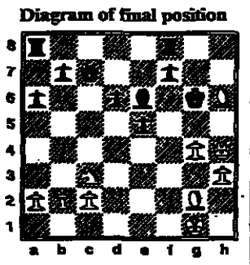
I conclude today with a superb win by Jan Timman from his current match against Loek van Wely.

White: Jan Timman
Black: Loek van Wely
Breda, Holland, 1998

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be3	Nc6
7	h3	e6
8	g4	Be7
9	Bg2	h6
10	f4	Qc7
11	0-0	Nxd4
12	Qxd4	e5
13	Qd2	exf4
14	Rxf4	Be6
15	Raf1	0-0
16	Rxf6	Bxf6
17	Rxf6	gxf6
18	Qf2	Kg7
19	e5	fxe5
20	Bxh6+	Kg6
21	Qh4	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



After 20 ... Kxh6 21 Qf6+ Kh7 22 Be4+ Kg8 23 Qg5+ Kh8 24 Qh6+ Kg8 25 Qh7 is mate.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

KILDERKIN
a. Distant relatives
b. A potter's furnace
c. Beer barrel

CHATTERMARK
a. A pebble scar
b. An aviary
c. Flight control

OTTO CYCLE
a. Grand opera
b. Four-stroke engine
c. A penny-farthing

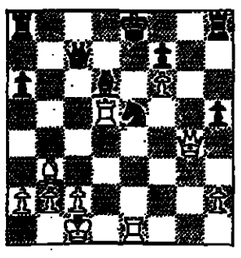
WIGNER
a. A scientific effect
b. An aircraft engine
c. A beautician

Answers on page 54

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kekelidse — Gutman, Austria, 1998.

White has given up a piece for a big attack with pressure along the d- and e-files. He now found a quick win. Can you see what he played?



Solution on page 54



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GOLF: FRUSTRATION ALL ROUND AS INTERNATIONAL OPEN JINX CONTINUES

Young Rose weathers storm

By Mel Webb

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Lee Westwood, the Ryder Cup player, tees off from the 13th in the delayed opening round at The Oxfordshire

HERE, completely free, is a small piece of advice that will serve very well all those contemplating an early summer holiday in this country next year. When the time comes, take a PGA European Tour fixture list, find the Benson and Hedges International Open and cross that week firmly off the list. The sponsor's products carry a Government health warning: so, perhaps, should the tournament it supports.

This event has been bedevilled by the weather for most of the past eight years, including a variety of meteorological nasties it endured during its six-year stay at St Mellion, just over the Tamar Bridge in Cornwall. An enduring and utterly appropriate memory of that time was the sight of a mother duck waddling across the 18th green pursued dutifully by her brood. But then, ducks take to water like ducks to water — golfers, unless they are of a particularly masochistic bent, do not.

Since the event decamped to The Oxfordshire two years ago, thermals — as in warm, long-legged underwear, not upward currents of warm air — have been the order of the day. The tournament, a high-class event that has always attracted most of Europe's leading players, has deserved better.

Yesterday, the sorry saga continued, but this time the bugbear was, wait for it, "electrical activity", a highfalutin phrase that, when translated, means thunder crashed and lightning flashed. Agreed, it rained heavily as well, but that was not the reason for the start being delayed until 1.30pm.

Golfers become an endangered species in the presence of all those celestial kilowatts — trees and golf-club shafts make wonderful lightning conductors, and when players are sheltering under one or holding the other, they become perfect targets.

The only safe thing to do was to keep players in the hutch. The protracted delay meant that the first group on the start list, due to tee off at 7.15am, had to loaf around for 6¼ hours before David Probyn, the tournament director, felt that the danger had passed.

The waiting around clearly preyed on the mind of young Justin Rose, the 17-year-old amateur who is burdened with the albatross of "next British superstar" status. He dropped four shots in the first five holes.

To his credit, the Walker Cup player battled back with four birdies, including one at each of the last two holes, to finish on 72, level par. Rose and the other two players in his group, Paul Eales and Brian Davis arrived at the club at 6.30am. The suspense must have been killing, but Davis showed no signs of it as he returned a 69 to share second place behind Massimi Florioli, who had a 68.

Davis almost had an eagle on the 3rd when he hit his two-iron second shot to six inches, then birdied the 7th with a 15-foot putt after escaping from a green-side bunker. His last incursion into birdie country came at the 10th, where he holed a 15-foot putt after a drive and five-iron.

Davis's boredom was alleviated by the presence of two uncles, with whom, he said, he shared a chuckle or two. Ian Woosnam had no such diversions, and a mood of frustration that grew between his arrival at 6.30am and hitting his first shot in anger was not lifted by a ragged display when he managed to get on the practice ground.

"If you'd seen me out there, you'd never have believed I was going to score so well," he said after recording a 71. "I just couldn't hit it. I must have stiffened up: I was terrible. In the circumstances, it was a wonderful score."

Like the others in the early part of the field, Woosnam will have another long wait today. The second half of the field, the last group of which did not start until 8pm, will complete their first rounds this morning then immediately embark on their second. A long, long day is in prospect. We must all hope that the man upstairs does not find a shilling to put in the meter.

Scores, page 50

Moodie pays instant penalty for slow play



Johnson: Arsenal fanatic

From Patricia Davies
in Wilmington, Delaware

JANICE MOODIE, of Glasgow, Scotland, a 1998 rookie, as she was introduced on the first tee in the opening round of the McDonald's LPGA Championship at the DuPont Country Club here yesterday, performed with the sort of coolness that many a veteran never masters.

Moodie, only a reserve at the beginning of the week, attracted attention early on not because of the quality of her play — which was solid through the green, if fallible on it — but because of the pace of it. It was slow enough for the 25-year-old Scot to be penalised two shots as she left the 9th green after what she thought was a birdie four, turning an outward half of 36, one over par, into a more worrying 38.

Moodie, who had not realised that she was being timed, accepted the news calmly, though, and came home in 37 for a round of 75, four over par, that left her seven shots behind the leaders, Michelle Mcgann and Heather Daly-Donofrio, a petite, bespectacled graduate of Yale, who coaches the women's team at her Alma Mater.

"It was a bit of a shock," Moodie said of her penalty, "but you can't let that affect you. You've just got to get on with it. I managed to birdie the 11th, but then I missed a putt of about a foot at the 13th and was in a bunker at the 15th. I struck the ball really, really well."

The Ladies' Professional Golf Association has strict pace of play regulations and players are allowed 30 seconds per shot. At the 9th, Moodie's four shots took her 196 seconds, well over the limit, so the rules official had no choice but to penalise her.

The difficult course was playing long, even though the sun was shining, and the scoring was on the high side, which was presenting Trish Johnson, official Arsenal fanatic, with a real dilemma.

When she began by dropping shots at the first two holes, it looked as though she would have no worries about making the FA Cup Final on Saturday, but she holed some putts and after a birdie two at the 17th was only one over par, only to drop a further shot at the last.

Her flight is already booked — she was only five when Arsenal won the double in 1971 — and she could have a big decision to make today.

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SAILING

Silk Cut slips back in becalmed fleet

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

THE Whitbread Round the World Race yachts were like a collection of old wooden boats in a cruising rally yesterday, their capability to sail at speed emasculated by very light winds on the final tense stages of the eighth leg to La Rochelle.

After charging through the fleet for two days, Lawrie Smith's *Silk Cut* briefly took the lead before the British boat also succumbed to the light conditions in the eastern Atlantic. The windless band, which had reduced speeds to three or four knots, stretches across the path of the fleet along a high-pressure ridge about 500 miles from the finish in France.

Apart from Smith's dramatic improvement, which was matched by *Chessie Racing's* move from last to third, the main casualty of the changing weather conditions has been Grant Dalton's *Merit Cup*, which had been disputing the lead with Paul Standbridge's *Toshiba*, but has now slipped back to fifth place. Yesterday, *Toshiba* was still leading by a whisker from *Silk Cut*, which was just ahead of *Chessie*.

In sixth place, 50 miles off the pace, Paul Cayard's *EF Language* was still doing just enough to win the race by La Rochelle with his nearest rival in the overall points, *Swedish Match*, skippered by Gunnar Krantz, 12 miles behind and slightly north of him in seventh position.

In the calm conditions, the skippers and navigators are facing what amounts to a restart of the leg with no one sure whether the boats to the north or those farther south will pick up speed first. Despite the compression of the fleet, however, the all-women crew on *EF Education* are continuing to hold their own in fourth place.

Latest positions, page 50

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 53

KILDERKIN
(c) An 18-gallon barrel equal to four pins, two firkins, or half of the accepted standard barrel whose dimensions were used as a legal ruling for St Pancras Station.

CHATTERMARK
(a) A small crescent-shaped scar, found on the surface of pebbles on the beach.

OTTO CYCLE
(b) Nikolaus Otto (1832-91) was a German merchant who took an interest in developing internal combustion engines. He teamed up with Eugen Langen (1833-95) to produce a prize-winning engine.

WIGNER
(a) A decomposition effect: a change in the physical or chemical properties of a solid because of radiation damage.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1. Rexe5+! Bxe5; 2. Ba4+ Kf8; 3. Qg7 checkmate.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Painstaking fence-sitting

The Hunt
BBC2, 8.00pm

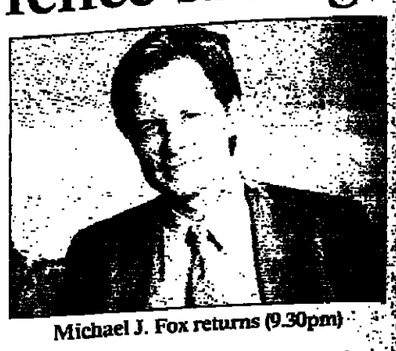
The challenge for this documentary about the Worcestershire Hunt was to get to the heart of the debate about fox hunting while not being seen to favour either side. This is only episode two but the even-handedness continues to be scrupulous. Tonight's film features a leading figure from each side, their advocacy being all the more effective for being devoid of bluster. Wally Barton must be the hunt's longest-standing supporter, having followed it three days a week for no fewer than 69 years. He has nothing against foxes as such but says they have to be caught. Jill Purser, a farmer from the Cotswolds, is allied with the Antis, as opponents are known, and has volunteered to monitor a hunt and look for evidence of its cruelty. As the horses and hounds set off, Barton and Purser try to follow by road, a common pursuit from opposite motives.

Cybill
Channel 4, 9.00pm

It is a mite surprising, given the limited nature of the material, that the Cybill Shepherd sitcom should have stretched to a fourth series. But here it is and with 24 episodes into the bargain. Once the American assembly line starts, it takes a long time to stop. Regulars will recall that Shepherd plays a character called Cybill who is a struggling actress in her forties with two failed marriages. It may be unkind to see the show as autobiographical but the facts do broadly fit. As before Cybill bounces her hang-ups about sex and relationships off her best friend Maryann (Christine Baranski), who is in a very similar fix. Tonight Cybill is off to the inevitable shrink in the hope that regression therapy will sort her out. This involves travelling to past life, in this case the court of our very own Henry VIII.

Spin City
Channel 4, 9.30pm

The evening's other returning American sitcom is the one in which the slight but highly animated Michael J. Fox plays the spin doctor to the Mayor of New York, while presiding over a variously neurotic bunch of aides. With spin doctoring now



Michael J. Fox returns (9.30pm)

such a feature of British politics, the show has a resonance on this side of the Atlantic that it would not have enjoyed even a couple of years ago. But the Campbells and the Mandelsons can rest easy. *Spin City* is very mild stuff and satirical only in the loosest sense. It is also predictable, though Fox's affable performance does much to hold the show together. In a typical episode, Fox has to explain away an embarrassing mayoral trip to Miami and falls hopelessly, but fruitlessly, in love with his boss's impossibly glamorous divorce lawyer.

Ardal O'Hanlon Live
Channel 4, 10.30pm

Those who know Ardal O'Hanlon only as Father Ted's amiably dim sidekick may be surprised by the ferocity of his stand-up act, here relayed from the Gaiety Theatre in Dublin. A running gag about his hatred for Michael Flatley of *Riverdance* may be no more than gag but this is O'Hanlon in very different mode from the vacuous Father Dougal, barbed, caustic and combative. When O'Hanlon is not lambasting Flatley he finds plenty of other irritants on which to vent his bile, from television cookery shows to fibre diets and being collared by the most boring person at the party. The social observation is acute and will strike a chord far beyond O'Hanlon's Ireland. Why, for example, do children cover their schoolbooks in wallpaper? Only a comic would think of asking such a question.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Kubrick and Strauss
Radio 3, 8.20pm

Tonight's interval feature provides a change of pace from the evening concert, which features the BBC Concert Orchestra playing works by Brahms and Beethoven. On the face of it, Stanley Kubrick's film *2001: A Space Odyssey* came from a very different background, but in fact the classic theme music for the film, making for one of Hollywood's greatest opening sequences, was provided by a Richard Strauss tone poem, and not one of the better known ones at that. Kubrick chose the music in spite of the fact that a film score had already been commissioned from Alex North. Kubrick's decision to use the Strauss piece instead was to help make both film and music one of the defining cultural landmarks of the late 1960s.

An Epiphanous Use of the Microphone
Radio 4, 9.00pm

The BBC is milking its 75th anniversary to the point where one wonders what excesses will be dreamt up for the centenary. Still, overegging does not make the entire dish a wrong 'un and this play by David Pownall does superb credit to the BBC drama department, wherein producers and others go about mumbling over budgetary cuts as if they were in the NHS. The first play broadcast by the BBC was *Twelfth Night* and Pownall's work intercuts beween the play itself and a re-creation of the build-up to that momentous first night on May 28, 1923. Anna Massey plays Elizabeth I, Michael Maloney is Shakespeare and John Reith, redoubtable first Director-General of the BBC, is played by Crawford Logan.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Pete Tong 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 2.00am Fabio and Groovarider 4.00 Emma B

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Pam Rhodes 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.15 Scoop (6/8) 9.30 Radio 2 Youth Brass Band of the Year. Semi-finalists St Keverne Youth Band under Allan Retallack and Hampshire County Youth Band under Leighton Rich 10.00 David Jacobs 10.30 The Arts Programme 12.05am Charles Nove 4.00 Jackie Bird

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme with Mark O'Donnell and Victoria Derbyshire 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra with Annie Webster 7.30 Alan Green's Sportstalk. 8.30 Friday Sport. David Oates presents live action from Leeds v Wigan in the JJB Super League 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night with Richard Dallyn

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Robin Banks 7.00 Johnny Boy's Wheels of Steel 11.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am Howard Pearce

TALK RADIO

6.30am Kirsty Young with Bill Overton 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sportszone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00am Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 Insight 7.30 Pick of the World 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Music Review 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Westway 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 The Learning World 10.30 Speaking of English 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Assignment 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Focus on Faith 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 You and the Law 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack Alternative 4.00 News 4.05 Football Extra 4.15 Moments of Truth 4.30 Science in Action; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 The NewsEurope; News in German (648 only) 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Focus on Faith 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack Alternative 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack Alternative 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weeklies 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Moments of Truth 2.45 Short Story 3.00 Newsday 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Insight 4.45 Off the Shelf

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breakfast with Bailey 8.00 Henry Kelly. Michael Barry prepares pineapple milkshake. Plus, High Flyer and Record of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones plays listeners' favourite music 2.00pm Concerto. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.30 Newsnight. Arts issues and guest interviews, with John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven with John Brunning 9.00 Evening Concert. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 1 in F; Magnificat in D); Vivaldi (Guitar Concerto in D); Boismortier (Music from Don Quichotte chez la Duchesse); Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks) 11.00 Mann at Night. Music through the small hours 2.00am Concerto (r)

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air**, with Petroc Trelawny. Includes Berlioz (Le Corsaire Overture); Bach (Sheep May Safely Graze); Shostakovich (Jazz Suite No 1)
9.00 **Masterworks**, with Penny Gore. Sibelius (Pohjola's Daughter); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C); Lars-Erik Larsson (Suite: The Winter's Tale); Stravinsky (The Fairy's Kiss, Divertimento)
10.30 **Artist of the Week: The King's Singers**
11.00 **Sound Stories: Great Partnerships.** Richard Baker investigates the musical partnership of Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Hummel**
1.00pm **The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.** Roland Pontinen, piano. Live from the Elmwood Hall, Belfast, introduced by John Toal. Busoni (Giga, Bolero e Variazione, An die Jugend; Turandots Frauengemach; Die Nachtlichen, Elegies); Liszt (Gnomenreigen; Vexilla Regis Prodeunt; Wiegenlied; Valse Oubliee No 4); Debussy (Etudes Nos 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12)
2.00 **Israel Philharmonic — Orchestra and People.** Sheena McDonald traces the story of the Israel Philharmonic. Includes contributions from Pinchas Zukerman, Zubin Mehta and Daniel Barenboim
4.00 **Music Restored: Early Music Young Artists' Showcase 98**, with Chris de Souza (r)
4.45 **Music Machine.** Tommy Pearson finds out about the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain
5.00 **In Tune**, with Sean Rafferty. The Australian pianist David Helfgott performs in the studio
7.30 **Performance on 3.** BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka. Live from St David's Hall, Cardiff. With Kathryn Stott, piano; BBC National Chorus of Wales. Brahms (Song of Destiny); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G)
8.20 Kubrick and Strauss. See Choice
8.40 Concert, part two. Strauss (Also Sprach Zarathustra); Bach, orch Schoenberg (Prelude and Fugue in E flat)
9.35 **Postscript: No Exit — Where Am I? (5/5)**
10.00 **Music Projects London.** The first in a new series of concerts given earlier this year at the BBC Maida Vale studios. Eileen Hulse and Rosemary Hardy, sopranos, Justin Pearson, cello, Music Projects London under Richard Bernas. Includes Helmut Lachenmann (Mouvement); Gyorgy Kurtag (Scenes from a Novel); Colin Matthews (Two-Part Invention); Benedict Mason (Self-Referential Songs and Realistic Virelais)
11.30 **Le Jazz Hot** (2/4) (r)
12.00 **Composer of the Week: J. Strauss (son)** (r)
1.00am **Through the Night**, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

6.00am **Today**, with John Humphrys and Sue MacGregor. Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 **(LW) Yesterday in Parliament**
9.00 **Desert Island Discs.** Sue Lawley's castaway is the artist and sculptor Antony Gormley (r)
9.45 **(FM) Serial: Bad Land — Moving On.** Jonathan Raban reads his account of America's Midwest (5/5)
9.45 **(LW) An Act of Worship**
10.00 **News; Woman's Hour**, with Jenni Murray
11.00 **News; Growing Pains.** Sue Limb looks at what shapes our attitudes to age (3/3) (r)
11.30 **Richard Barton: General Practitioner!** The last of the current series of Lol Mason's comedy. With Robert Bathurst, Moray Watson and Matilda Ziegler
12.00 **(LW) News Headlines**; Shipping Forecast
12.00 **(FM) News; You and Yours** 12.57pm Weather
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.30 **Quote — Unquote.** Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz. He is joined by Sir Ian McKellen, Julian Mitchell, Claire Rayner and Hilary Spurling. Reader William Franklyn
2.00 **News; The Archers** (r)
2.15 **Afternoon Play: Painting Mrs Jones.** Rachel Joyce's new play about a woman who sits for her portrait and wonders if the painting will reveal a new truth about her inner self. With Lindsay Duncan, James Laurenson and David Antrobus
3.00 **News; Wired for a Week.** Daire Brehan presents an interactive series providing technical solutions to everyday problems
3.30 **Let the Rumpus Begin!** Michael Rosen examines the the changing nature of children's literature. Includes a look at how the late Geoffrey Trease led the struggle against pre-war children's books' obsession with boarding schools and the lives of the privileged
3.45 **Feedback.** Presented by Chris Dunkley
4.00 **News; Open Book.** Humphrey Carpenter talks to V.S. Naipaul about his new book, *Beyond Belief: Islamic Excursions among the Converted Peoples*. Plus, the poet Sophie Hannah celebrates the art of bookshop romance (r)
4.30 **The Message.** Alex Brodie and his guests examine how current media trends affect our lives
5.00 **PM**, with Clare English and Eddie Mair 5.54 **(LW)** Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **The News Quiz.** Simon Hoggart quizzes the *Times* columnist Alan Coren, Andy Hamilton and other guests on the week
7.00 **News; The Archers** 7.15 **Front Row.** Mark Lawson takes a look at the Cannes Film Festival
7.45 **Postcards: The Funny Bones,** by Helen Kluger. With Gillian Bevan, Steve Hodson and Russell Boulter (5/5) (r)
8.00 **News; Any Questions?** Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Belfast. With David Trimble; Seamus Mallon; Nigel Dodds; Monica McWilliams; and Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien
8.45 **Letter from America,** by Alistair Cooke
9.00 **News; An Epiphanous Use of the Microphone,** by David Pownall. See Choice
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Robin Lustig
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: A Kind of Loving.** Stan Barstow's novel, read by Sean Bean (5/10)
11.00 **Late Tackle.** The late-night sports discussion programme with Martin Bashir and guests
11.30 **(LW) Today in Parliament**
11.30 **(FM) Sport in Books: Over the Moon — or Sick as a Parrot?** In the last of the series Chris Sykes explores the use of language in sport. With John Carey and Frank Keating
12.00 **News** 12.30am **The Late Book: Panther in the Basement,** by Amos Oz, abridged by Patrick Carroll, read by Alfred Molina (9/9)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast** 1.00 **As World Service**

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Covert camcorder documentary goes to pot

REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

Recent allegations that a Carlton documentary was fabricated don't seem all that surprising when you watch **Undercover Customs** (ITV). For years documentary-makers have tried to replicate the excitement of various types of drama. Despite the BBC's brake on production, you still can't move for fly-on-the-wall-to-wall docu-soap-operas. *Undercover Customs*, on the other hand, wants to be a thriller.

Last night's episode started with a stubbly young man flicking the ash from his fag as he sped down a dual carriageway. His in-car cassette of an old Blondie number provided urgent incidental music. A helicopter wheeled overhead. Yet this was only a tease. We would not discover his identity until the end.

It felt as if Granada would have preferred a fly-on-the-wall anyway, since much of the material was in the hand-held actuality style. But it probably isn't a good idea to take film-makers with you on a covert surveillance operation.

The result was a patchwork quilt of reconstructed material, some in colour, some in black-and-white. Presumably for extra "realism". Some purported to be the footage secretly shot by the revenue men on their discreet little camcorders, but even this felt as if it was probably dramatic reconstruction too. The clips of avuncular Trevor McDonald doing his Edgar Lustgarten bit at the beginning and the end looked genuine, but could you get an actor to simulate Britain's favourite newsreader?

Everything else was subservient to the dramatic narrative flow. There were some talking heads with real customs officers, but most were in silhouette, so they could have been anybody.

The action began with a tip-off about a suspicious RIB (rigid inflatable boat) probably about to be used to land a consignment of drugs. The customs officers set up 24-hour surveillance on the boat and the young men hiring it. When these guys were seen looking a bit too pleased with themselves, the officers concluded the drugs were already ashore. So next time you slip through Dover with six cases of Pschitt!, don't punch the air until you are past the petrol station.

Tailing them round Devon's least glamorous holiday spots, an officer found the distribution convoy in a caravan site near Brixham and tailed them north towards the M5 (this was where our fag-flicking Blondie fan came in) and pulled off a spectacular mass arrest on the grass verge. "Mmm, smell that!" he enthused, entering a campervan containing some of the 1.2 tons of cannabis resin. "One of the best moments of 1997 for me!" But was he just saying that for the cameras?

Another group of enforcement officers with an obvious relish for their work were the many Mossad agents prepared to discuss it on last night's **The Spy Machine** (Channel 4). Channel 4's "Israel 50" strand has covered an impressive range of aspects of that nation's life and history, but this must have been the most chilling.

If the Israelis have gathered a reputation for ruthless determination and complete disregard for international opinion when they felt their security was at stake, much of this is down to Mossad.

A string of former supreme heads of Israeli Intelligence, heads and deputy heads of Mossad and former agents talked with disconcerting frankness about their operations. Apart from spectacular kidnappings like that of Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, the agency has often acted as little more than a death squad.

Clearly it's intelligence-gathering has been vital to Israel's military survival, in one case, it was claimed, forestalling a Syrian invasion, and we were treated to extraordinary footage from the cockpit of the first of the F16s to destroy Iraq's nuclear reactor, one hour after construction was completed in 1981.

But for 50 years Mossad has been fighting a very dirty war, and it doesn't care who knows it. It's capacity to infiltrate even friendly foreign countries and commit murder under the noses of the authorities has been shameless. Rafi Eitan, who snatched Eichmann, would have killed him instantly if a problem had arisen. "With some yoga exercise," he added enigmatically, which might surprise the ladies down at the adult education institute.

This was a sympathetic film, which began with a haunting visit to a secret Mossad memorial in the form of an elaborate maze. Here the names of agents tortured, killed or simply disappeared are carved in shaded stone walls. Their daring, efficiency and inventiveness were celebrated.

But the subtext was clear also. Mossad has been a loose cannon, capable of manipulating politicians and imposing a ferociously hawkish agenda often against the nation's interest. Spectacular foul-ups, like the recent botched assassination in Jordan, did appalling damage to Israel's standing and the underlying principle of deterrence simply doesn't work. The peace process was making Mossad an obsolete nuisance. Thanks a lot, but that will do.

Earlier in the evening **Unholy Land: No Place Like Home** (C4) showed us a prosperous Orthodox Jewish family emigrating to Israel from New York, fulfilling their mission to return to Jerusalem. Their powerful sense of "coming home" was tinged with disorientation and culture-shock, despite an efficient reception system.

But they were fundamentalists, unlike other immigrants, not driven there by poverty or oppression. They brought unshakeable conviction of the biblical right to Arab-owned lands and I wondered how helpful a contribution this would be to the nation's future.

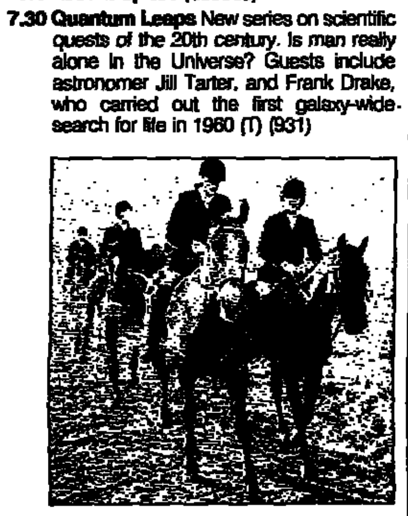
BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (82950)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (52134)
9.00 Change That A Caribbean high-fi cabinet and an oriental-style corner unit (8142757)
9.25 Kilroy (T) (3351680)
10.05 A Date with Fate (7529009)
10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (8278825)
10.55 The Really Useful Show (T) (4256080)
11.35 The General (6551370)
12.00 News *(T) and weather (9917844)*
12.05pm Wogan's Web (7749680)
1.00 News (T) and weather (55221)
1.30 Regional News (T) (13711738)
1.40 The Weather Show (22114196)
1.45 Neighbours (T) (95704738)
2.10 Ironside (r) (9023950)
***3.00 Through the Keyhole** (2842)*
3.30 Playdays (r) (3501775) **3.50** The Littlest Pet Shop (2628573) **4.00** Bodger and Badger (r) (6268115) **4.15** Bailey Kipper's POV *(7433414)* **4.35** *Clarissa Explains It All* (1058115) **5.00** Newsround Euro-Stars (1/10) Following junior ambassadors as they represent Britain abroad (T) (8665793) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (8280115)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (370573)
6.00 News (T) and weather (825)
6.30 Regional News (T) (405)
7.00 Weekend Watchdog with Anne Robinson Consumer investigations (T) (2283)
7.30 Top of the Pops With music from Aqua, All Saints, Simply Red, Leann Rimes, the Corrs, and Cleopatra (T) (689)
8.00 Confessions *Driving School's* Dave and Maureen Rees admit to past deceptions and *Coronation Street's* battling Battersbys meet their real-life counterparts from Clydebank (T) (1931)
8.30 Blankety Blank Lily Savage hosts the panel game, with William Roache, Bob Mills, Jonathan Kerrigan, Ruth Madoc, Isla Fisher and Sarah Greene (T) (7738)
9.00 News (T) and weather (7950)
9.30 Invasion Earth: The Fourth Dimension (2/6) Tucker is abducted by aliens, and forced to endure a horrifying torture ordeal. Drake begins to make progress with his interrogation of Terrell. Vincent Regan stars (606660)
10.20 Black Rain (1989) with Michael Douglas, Andy Garcia and Kate Capshaw. FILM A New York cop is assigned to transport a Japanese killer to his native country, but loses the prisoner in Tokyo. Directed by Ridley Scott (246573) ***WALES:* 10.20** Whole Lotta Money: Everything's Alright. *Owen Money meets his rock heroes (2/3)* (764825) **10.50** FILM: Black Rain *(80647399)* **12.50am** *FILM: Who?* (3162069) **2.20** News (6891581) **2.25** BBC News 24
12.20am Who? (1974) Elliott Gould plays an FILM FBI agent trying to prove whether a prominent scientist, sent home after suffering a disfiguring accident in Russia, is really an imposter. Directed by Jack Gold (9962332)
1.45 Weather (3232239)
1.50 BBC News 24

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BBC2

7.00am Teletubbies (9862660) **7.25** Tom and Jerry Kids (9858467) **7.50** 50/50 (r) (7926844) **8.15** Yogi's Treasure Hunt (8573450) **8.35** Pingu (2426554) **8.45** The Record (4197844)
9.10 Go for It! (2625825) **9.30** Watch (7580370) **9.45** Come Outside (7585825) **10.00** Teletubbies (15115) **10.30** Look and Read (3018028) **10.50** Mad About Music (3021592) **11.10** Landmarks (9216318) **11.30** Sportsbank (3757) **12.00** Shakespeare: The Animated Tales — *Romeo and Juliet* (53202) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (96405)
1.00 Funnybones (14499405) **1.05** Bananaman (14498776) **1.10** The Countryside Hour: Yorkshire's dales and moors (1895979)
2.10 Racing from Newbury and International Golf Racing: The **2.40**, **3.10** and **3.40** races; Golf: Further action from the B&H International (81613660) **WALES: 2.10** Wales Labour Party Conference (120979) **4.10** Golf (6627221)
5.30 Today's the Day (554)
6.00 The Simpsons Homer takes Marge for granted just once too often (T) (685318)
6.25 Star Trek (r) (T) (613757)
7.15 Lost in Space (888863)
7.30 Quantum Leaps New series on scientific quests of the 20th century. Is man really alone in the Universe? Guests include astronomer Jill Tarter, and Frank Drake, who carried out the first galaxy-wide-search for life in 1960 (T) (931)



The hunt begins (8pm)

8.00 ***The Hunt*** The Worcestershire hunters are visited by the "antis", a group monitoring fox hunts around the country (T) (9573)
8.30 Gardeners' World A traditional Japanese garden; the best buys in local garden centres; a woman who grows more than 80 varieties of the coleus plant (8080)
9.00 Bottom (r) (T) (5592)
9.30 *Alexei Sayle's Merry-Go-Round* Alexei vents his spleen on a range of issues (T) (76641)
10.00 Have I Got News for You (54931)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (800844)
11.15 Later with Jools Holland Simply Red, Smashing Pumpkins, Leon Russell, Sizzla, Tricky with PJ Harvey (179776)
12.20am J'Embrasse Pas *(1991)* with Philippe FILM Noiret, Emmanuelle Béart and Manuel Black. *An aspiring actor breaks away* from his family and becomes a rent boy *while pursuing a theatrical career, only to* fall in love with a prostitute whose pimp opposes the relationship. Directed by André Techiné. In French with English subtitles (780239)
2.00 Space: Above and Beyond (2298429)
2.45 Weather (7753719)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (9786931)
9.25 This Morning (T) (8898824)
9.30 Vanessa (T) (2393573)
10.10 This Morning (T) (28122689)
12.15pm Regional News (6102554)
12.30 News (T) and weather (83931)
1.00 Wish You Were Here? *(r)* (T) (57689) **1.30** Home and Away (T) (82202) **2.00** The Jerry Springer Show (T) (3149486)
2.45 WALES: Get Gardening! (T) (503863)
2.45 Garden Calendar (T) (503863)
3.15 News (T) (3334573)
3.20 Regional News (T) (3331486)
3.25 Potamus Park (r) (3321009) **3.35** Big Bag (8283028) **3.50** Paddington Bear (r) (5668844) **3.55** Cartoon Time (r) (5667115) **4.00** Magic with Everything (3238127) **4.20** Animaniacs (r) (T) (6264399) **4.40** Crazy Cottage (T) (4979318)
5.10 A Country Practice (6543776)
5.40 News (T) and weather (279405)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (672844)
6.25 Wales Tonight (T) (851080)
6.25 HTV Weather (280912)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (573)
7.00 Emmerdale Kim is forced to make a *difficult decision (T) (7979)*



Stephen Billington as Greg (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Les arranges a date with Greg's mum, Moira (T) (757)
8.00 My Wonderful Life Bridget is *bequeathed an heirloom (T) (3399)*
8.30 The Bill Will Brighton police agree to help *Skase track down the missing Beech* before it is too late? (2/2) (T) (5134)
9.00 When Stunts Go Bad The actor Robert Urich presents film footage of stunts that *went terrifyingly wrong* (T) (8931)
10.00 News (T) and weather (58757)
10.30 Regional News and weather (183196)
10.40 WALES: We're On Our Way to Wembley Celebrity quiz (T) (904009)
10.40 Festival Live (641028)
11.30 WALES: Volunteers (1985) Tom Hanks FILM stars as a spoilt playboy who joins the Peace Corps in Thailand to avoid his creditors. Directed by Nicholas Meyer (10221)
11.40 We're On Our Way to Wembley (840757)
12.30am Tropical Heat (r) (22413)
1.30 War of the Worlds (r) (3455013)
***2.25 Customs Classified** (2297790)*
3.10 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) *(21528264)*
3.40 We Can Work It Out (r) (65709210)
4.05 Ed's Night Party (37965806)
4.30 Coach (17100581)
4.55 ITV Nightscreen (27315697)
5.00 Coronation Street *(r) (T)* (24264)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
1.30pm The Jerry Springer Show *(8813991)*
2.45-3.15 Surprise Gardeners (503863)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6543776)
6.25-7.00 Central News (851080)
10.40 We're on Our Way to Wembley (904009)
11.30 Beyond Reality (29028)
12.30am FILM: Witness in the War Zone (913245)
***2.20 World Football** (4064513)*
2.50 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (9170968)
3.20 Coach (99102719)
3.45 Vanessa (9593662)
4.20 Central Jobfinder '98 (3925326)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.27pm-12.30 Illuminations (9921047)
1.00 Emmerdale (57689)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (8813991)
***2.45-3.15 Westcountry Update** (503863)*
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6543776)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (91950)
10.40 We're on Our Way to Wembley (651405)
11.35 FILM: Volunteers (292047)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.15pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (6102554)
1.00-1.30 Shortland Street (57689)
***2.45-3.15 Put it to the Test** (503863)*
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6543776)
6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (91950)
10.40 We're on Our Way to Wembley (651405)
11.35 FILM: Volunteers (292047)

ANGLIA

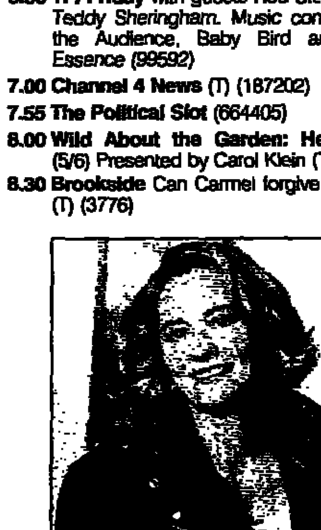
As HTV West except:
12.19 Anglia Air Watch (9925863)
2.45-3.15 Great Little Gardens (503863)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6543776)
***6.23 Anglia Weather** (281641)*
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (851080)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (183196)
10.40 We're on Our Way to Wembley (651405)
11.35 FILM: Volunteers (292047)

S4C

Starts: **7.00am The Big Breakfast** (45844) **9.00 Ysgolion** (447931) **11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (8825) **12.00 Ricki Lake** (48370) **12.30pm Sesame Street** *(81573)* ***1.00 Slot* Meithrin** (11538486) **1.15 Tomos Y Tanc** *(11526641)* ***1.30 FILM: Miracle Worker** (1962)* Moving drama telling the true story of deaf-blind *girl Helen Keller and her remarkable teacher* Anne Sullivan (73450) **3.30 Chelsea Live** (979) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (486) **4.30 Countdown** (370) **5.00 5 Pump** (5757) **5.30 Pet Rescue** (950) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (734680) **6.10 Heno** (618202) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (590196) **7.25 Y Clwb Rygbi** (795370) **8.00 Ma' Ifan 'Ma** (4641) **8.30 Newyddion** (3776) **9.00 Celebrity Countdown** (4060) **9.30 Friends** (78009) **10.00 Brookside** (759486) **10.35 Babylon 5** (652134) **11.30 TFI Friday** (794134) **12.35am** ***Planet Football** (5576852)* ***1.35 Jo Whiley*** (2426390) **2.20 King of the Hill** (6864595) **2.50 Pond Life** (6604697) **3.05 FILM: The Clairvoyant** (1934) Psychological drama *(9581055)* **4.30 Diwedd** (4226603)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street *(r)* (75660)
***7.00 The Big Breakfast** ((45844)*
9.00 Schools: Off Limits. New series (8135467) **9.25** Schools at Work (1598626) **9.30** Eureka (T) (9582738) ***9.45** Stop, Look, Listen.* New series (8051202) (447931) **10.02** Lost Animals (3984991) **10.10** GNVQ Is It For You? New series (8602931) **10.30** The English Programme (64318) **11.00** The Technology Programme (2817825 **11.15** Stage One (2830776)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (r) (8825) **12.00** Sesame Street (48370) **12.30pm** Light Lunch (82467) **1.30** Mr Frog Went A Courting (22134950)
1.35 Yield to the Night (1956) Prison drama FILM with Diana Dors. Mary Hilton recalls the events which led her to murder her boyfriend's mistress. Directed by J. Lee *Thompson (T) (61462979)*
3.30 Chelsea Live (1/8) Sue Cook charts the *build-up to the Chelsea Flower Show*, and looks at the history of the show, and *meets award-winning gardener Bunny* Guinness (T) (979)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (486) **4.30** Countdown (T) (1042554) **4.55** Ricki Lake *(6605080)* **5.30** Pet Rescue (950)
6.00 TFI Friday with guests Rod Stewart and *Teddy Sheringham. Music comes from* the Audience, Baby Bird and Pure Essence *(99592)*
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (187202)
7.55 The Political Slot (664405)
8.00 Wild About the Garden: Hedgerow (5/6) Presented by Carol Klein (T) (4641)
8.30 Brookside Can Carmel forgive Sinbad? (T) (3776)



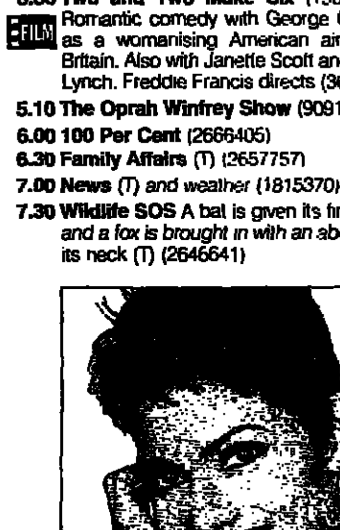
Cybill Shepherd stars (9pm)

9.00 **Cybill: Regarding Henry** (1/24) Cybill Shepherd returns as the forty-something struggling actress (T) (4060)
9.30 **Spin City** (1/24) Comedy with Michael J. Fox as the Deputy Mayor of New York City (T) (78009)
10.00 Frasier: Frasier's Gotta Have It Fraiser seeks reassurance when he begins to date a beautiful woman (T) (56399)
10.30 **Ardal O'Hanlon Live** A one-off comedy special recorded at Dublin's Gaiety Theatre (T) (5280370)
11.35 TFI Friday (r) (793405)
12.40am Pond Life (r) (T) (6203061)
12.55 Jo Whiley (r) (T) (6960974)
1.40 Planet Football (r) (T) (2891332)
2.40 The Clairvoyant (1934, b/w) *Music hall* FILM drama with Claude Rains and Fay Wray. Directed by Maurice Elvey (3654326)
4.05 Quiet Please, Murder (1943, b/w) FILM Thriller with George Sanders, Richard Denning. Written and directed by John Larkin (9528993)
5.30 Terrytoons (9691210)
5.40 Insektors (4369245)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am News and sport (3282757)
7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (3476318) **7.30** Milkshake! (3314592) **7.35** Wimzie's House (r) (7264863) **8.00** Havakazoo (1859554) **8.30** Dappledown Farm (1858825)
9.00 Wild World of the East: The Ogasawara Islands (r) (T) (1872405) **9.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9633080) **10.20** Sunset Beach (T) (8776329) **11.10** *Leeza (8152979)*
12.00 News (T) (1852641) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4556399) **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (3475689) **1.30** *Sons and Daughters (4548370)*
2.00 Open House with Gloria Hunniford with Loyd Grossman, Don Black and Mana Friedman (3153196)
3.00 100 Per Cent Gold (1830689)
3.30 Two and Two Make Six (1962, b/w) FILM Romantic comedy with George Chakiris as a womanising American airman in Britain. Also with Janette Scott and Alfred Lynch. Freddie Francis directs (3610134)
5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9091554)
6.00 100 Per Cent (2666405)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (2657757)
7.00 News *(T) and weather (1815370)*
7.30 Wildlife SOS A bat is given its first feed, *and a fox is brought in with an abcess on* its neck (T) (2646641)



Actress Halle Berry (8pm)

8.00 Fame and Fortune with Halle Berry *The lifestyle of the Hollywood actress.* Last in series (1831318)
8.30 Was It Good for You? *The last in the* series explores Scotland, London and *Blackpool (1810825)*
9.00 Victim of Rage (TVM, 1993) Jaclyn Smith FILM *stars in the true story about a woman* abused by her policeman husband. Armand Mastroianni directs (41955979)
10.50 C-16: Art of War (1956486)
11.45 Endless Love (1981) Brooke Shields FILM stars as a 15-year-old who embarks on an affair with a 17-year-old boy. Directed by Franco Zeffirelli (57153196)
1.50am Police Story: The Freeway Killings FILM (TVM, 1987) Richard Crenna as a deputy chief of police whose promotion depends upon the capture of two sadistic killers With Angie Dickinson and Ben Gazzara. Directed by William Graham (33373351)
4.25 The Road (17464968)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (1141448)
5.30 100 Per Cent (8173535)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills (70554) **7.30** Games World (5918844) **7.45** The Simpsons (28450) **8.15** Oprah (9073931) **9.00** Hotel (46660) **10.00** Another World (68573) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (75009) **12.00** Married with Children (95202) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (21115) **1.00** Geraldo (19370) **2.00** Sally *Jessy Raphael (65134)* **3.00** Jenny Jones (29283) **4.00** Oprah (48318) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8486) **6.00** The Nanny (3047) **6.30** Married with Children (4399) **7.00** The Simpsons (9115) **7.30** Real TV *(3283)* ***8.00** Highlander: The Series* (50641) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (70405) **10.00** Poltergeist: The Legacy (73592) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (89202) **12.00** Adventures of Ned Blessing (53790) **1.00am** Long Play (8684264)

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SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am *Asterix Conquers America* **(1994)** (6060641) **7.20 The Blue Bird (1976)** (26831080) **9.00 The Ballad of Cable Hogue (1970)** (69950) **11.00 Explorers (1985)** (63912) **1.00pm The Blue Bird (1976)** (47738) **3.00 Heller in Pink Tights (1960)** (70318) **5.00 Asterix Conquers America (1994)** (7967736) **6.45 Now and Then (1995)** (40800554) **9.00 Up Close and Personal (1996)** (55196) **11.00 Dangerous Minds (1995)** (78047) **12.45am Spontaneous Combustion (1989)** (747784) **2.25 Black Sunday (1977)** (93304500)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.05am Sister Kenny (1946) (96330394) **8.00 Five Came Back (1939)** (7483950) **9.15 Red Tops (1995)** (4326028) **10.30 Friends at Last (1995)** (16481134) **12.05pm The Last American Hero (1973)** (482196) **2.00 My Favourite Brunette (1947)** (62486) **4.00 Divorce, American Style (1967)** (4660) **6.00 Friends at Last (1995)** (61979) **8.00 Empire Records (1995)** *(54467)* ***10.10 Acts of Love (1995)*** (157115) **12.00 Desperado (1995)** (942622) **1.45am Fall into Darkness (1996)** (915264) **3.20 Pie in the Sky (1996)** (857622) **4.55 Red Tops (1995)**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Devil Is a Woman (1935) *(6705844)* **6.00 The Lighthorsemen (1987)** (5445467) **8.00 Parenthood (1989)** (5440912) **10.00 A Passage to India (1984)** (95413554) **12.45am Compromising Positions (1985)** (6581448) **2.25 *From Noon Till Three* (1976)** (6042974) **4.05 Good Morning and Goodbye (1967)** (33932326) **5.25** Close

TNT

9.00pm Wrestling: Nitro (35060486) **10.00 King Solomon's Mines (1950)** *(56979950)* ***11.45 Eye of the Devil (1967)*** (39150776) **1.15am Gaslight (1940)** (92422671) **3.00 Atlantis — The Lost Continent (1961)** (92001535) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (27486) **7.30** FA Cup Classics *(44757)* **8.30** Rebel Sports (26283) **9.00** Racing News (40863) **9.30** Aerobics (69486) **10.00** Spanish Football (72950) **12.00** Aerobics (37389) **12.30pm** Ringside Boxing (64196) **1.30** Rebel Sports (62573) **2.00** *Watersports World* (59496) **3.00** Equestrianism (2776) **3.30** Trans World Sport (16047) **4.30** The Rugby Club (67689) **6.00** Sports Centre (71221) **7.00** The Footballers' Football Show (14863) **8.00** Tartan Extra (90283) ***9.00** Hold the Back* Page (10047) **10.00** Sports Centre (13134) **11.00** The Footballers' Football Show (36134) **12.00** Tartan Extra (13142) **1.00am** Hold the Back Page (88156) **2.00** Wrestling: *Raw (24055)* ***3.00** Hold the Back Page* (58351) **4.00** Super League (27535)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (9024554) **7.30** Racing News (9043689) **8.00** Sports Centre (2313757) **8.30** Football: FA Cup Classics *(6654738)* **9.30** The Rugby Club (9223660) **11.00** US Golf: Byron Nelson Classic (8311931) **1.00pm** Trans World Sport (8884912) **2.00** Spanish Football (3271405) **4.00** Inside the Senior PGA Tour (1133848) **4.30** NHL: Powerweek (6655467) **5.30** Wild Spirits (3111172) **6.00** The Winning Post Live (3251641) **8.00** Speedway (3263486) **10.00** US Golf: Byron Nelson Classic (8370318) **12.00** NHL: Powerweek *(8453515)* **1.00am** *Speedway (3918697)* **3.00** Sports Centre (3223090) **4.00** The Footballers' Football Show (8564852) **5.00** Tartan Extra (5603264)

SKY SPORTS 3

11.00am Live Cricket (55354009) **6.30pm** American Football: End Zone (64923912) **7.30** Live Super League (74507370) **10.00** Wrestling: Raw (26585689) **12.00** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Football (59689) **9.00** Road to the World Cup (89660) **10.00** Modern Pentathlon (20573) **11.00** International Motorsports *Magazine* (17009) **12.00** *Motorcycling:* Italian Grand Prix Qualifying — Live (19979) **2.00pm** Tennis. Italian Open — Live (2779450) **6.00** Football: Germany U-21 v China U-21 (70641) **7.30** Tennis: Italian Open — Live (15009) **9.30** Boxing (78134) **10.00** Motorcycling (20642) **11.00** Youth Only Zone (21202) **12.00** Skysurfing (59871) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Never the Twain (5983844) **7.35** Neighbours (7593825) **8.00** Crossroads (3724554) **8.25** EastEnders (7566689) **9.00** The Bill (7305221) **9.30** Howards' Way *(2231399)* ***10.00** Shelley (4387660)* **10.30** The Sullivans (7301405) **11.00** Casualty (9471689) **12.00** Crossroads (27896405) **12.25pm** Neighbours (27898592) **12.55** EastEnders (4093868) **1.30** Keeping Up Appearances (7041202) **2.05** Ever Decreasing Circles (2536592) **2.45** Dangerfield (8473738) **3.45** The Bill (4111776) **4.15** Juliet Bravo (43409134) **5.20** EastEnders (3786318) **5.55** Big Break (4852660) **6.30** The Bill (7861486) **7.00** Dad's Army (5626776) **7.40** Yes, Minister (5259738) **8.20** May to December (3968937) **9.00** Spender (42894134) **10.05** Comic Strip Presents (7553825) **10.45** Jack Dee (2558554) **11.20** Alas Smith and Jones (4782757) **11.55** Hold the Dream (9403689) **1.40am** *The Equalizer* (9955142) **2.30** Shopping (5379852)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (3530516) **7.00** Et Mysteries and Scandals (2492221) **7.30** Coronation St (2488028) **8.00** Blind Date (5372592) **9.00** Hadleigh (6812738) **10.00** The Saint (2477912) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (2497776) **12.00** Coronation St (7894047) **12.30pm** Families (5543370) **1.00** A Fine Romance (2491592) **1.30** Me and My Girl (5542641) **2.00** Hadleigh (7457202) **3.00** Jason King (6174115) **4.00** Hawaii Five-O (6186950) **5.00** The Saint (4142318) **6.00** Families (1324950) **6.30** Coronation St (1315202) **7.00** Doctor in Charge (4143047) **7.30** Singles (1311486) **8.00** Jason King *(7567202)* **9.00** Coronation St (6182134) **9.30** The Comedians (5563134) **10.00** The Sans (7557825) **11.00** Granada Men and Motors (9388399)



Now and Then: Birch, Moore, Moore and Griffith (Screen 1, 6.45pm)

CARLTON SELECT (CABLE)

5.00pm Blockbusters (52277554) **5.30** Gridlock (57814825) **6.00** Byker Grove (57811738) **6.30** A Country Practice *(57835318)* **7.00** London Bridge (52297318) **7.30** Desmond's (57824202) **8.00** Blue Heelers (35057912) **9.00** Love Hurts (35077776) **10.00** Grown Ups (80947573) **10.30** Collins and Maconie's *Movie Club* (80956221) ***11.00** St Elsewhere* (35414573) **12.00** Haggard (49507054) **12.30am** Tales of the Unexpected (59694968) **1.00** The Beiderbecke Connection (78658577) **2.00** Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Under the Umbrella Tree **6.30** Jungle Cubs **7.00** Recess **7.30** Pepper Ann ***8.00** Brand Spanking New Doug* **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa **9.00** Aladdin: The Series **9.30** Quack Pack **10.00** Mouse and Mole **10.05** Amazing Animals **10.30** Sesame Street **11.30** Winnie the Pooh **11.45** *Alphabet [illegible]* **12.00** Little Hippo **12.10pm** Lots Wiggle! **12.15** Animal Shelf **12.30** Rosie and Jim **12.45** Small Stories **12.50** Bear in the Big Blue House **1.20** Winnie the Pooh **1.35** Chip 'n' Dale **2.00** Goof Troop **2.30** Jungle Cubs **3.00** Timon and Pumbaa **3.30** Brand Spanking New Doug **4.00** Pepper Ann **4.30** Recess **5.00** Smart Guy **5.30** Student Bodies **6.00** Teen Angel **6.30** Boy Meets World **7.00 FILM: Little Ghost 8.30** The Wonder Years **9.00** Touched by an Angel **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Power Rangers Zeo **7.00** X Men **7.25** Casper **7.35** Spiderman **8.00** *Goosebumps* **8.25** Sam and Max **8.35** Big Bad Beetleborgs **9.00** Masked Rider **9.30** Grimm's Fairy Tales **10.00** Pinocchio **10.30** Peter Pan **11.00** Oliver Twist **11.30** Huckleberry Finn **12.00** Gulliver's Travels **12.30pm** *Eek!* **12.42** The Mouse and the Monster **12.54** Casper **1.06** Terrible Thunderlizards **1.18** Sam and Max **1.30** Extreme Heroes **2.00** Eagle Riders **2.30** Conan the Adventurer **3.00** Skysurfer Strikeforce **3.30** *Donkey Kong Country* **4.00** Sam and Max **4.50** Casper **5.00** Goosebumps **5.25** Eerie, Indiana **5.50** Sam *and Max* ***6.00** The Pepsi Chart* **6.25** Sweet Valley High **7.00** Close

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All your favourite cartoons broadcast from *5.00am to 9.00pm, seven days a week*

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula **6.30** Grimmy **7.00** Hey Arnold! **7.30** Rugrats **8.00** Doug **8.30** Arthur **9.00** CBBC **10.00** Wimzie's House **10.30** Babar **11.00** The Magic School Bus **11.30** PB Bear etc **12.00** Rugrats **12.30pm** Blue's Clues **1.00** Bananas in Pyjamas **1.30** Franklin **2.00** Little Bear Stories **2.30** CBBC ***3.00** CBBC* ***3.30** Doug* ***4.00** Pippi* Longstocking **4.30** Rugrats **5.00** Sister Sister **5.30** Kenan & Kel **6.00** Sabrina the Teenage Witch **6.30** Moesha **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

7.00am Batman **7.30** Earthworm Jim **8.00** *California Dreams* ***8.30** Hang Time* **9.00** Ready or Not **9.30** Heartbreak High **10.30** Echo Point **11.00** Batman **11.30** Earthworm Jim **12.00** Sweat **12.30pm** Heartbreak High **1.30** Echo Point **2.00** Hollyoaks **2.30** It's in *the Jeans* **2.45** *Teenage Urban Adventures* **3.00** Sweat **3.30** California Dreams **4.00** Ready or Not **4.30** Saved by the Bell **5.00** Hollyoaks **5.30** USA High **6.00** Hang Time **6.30** Blast **7.00** Saved by the Bell **7.30** USA *High* ***8.00** Close*

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Crosswits **5.30** Family Days Out **5.45** Family Fortunes **6.30** Sale of the Century **7.15** Winner Takes All **7.45** Family Days Out **7.55** The Crystal Maze **8.15** Strike *It Lucky* ***10.00** Endurance UK* **11.00** Jools Holland's Name That Tune **11.45** Karaoke Challenge **12.30am** Hans of the West **1.30** The Fall Guy **2.30** Big Brother Jake **3.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga **4.00** The *Big Valley* ***5.00** Screenshop*

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team (9643592) **9.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (8280486) **9.30** Cops (2240047) **10.00** The Basement (1686028) **10.15** Bravo's Briefs (1674283) **10.30** *Red Shoe Diaries (7397202)* **11.00 FILM: Phoenix the Warrior (1988)** (6615202) **1.00am** Beverly Hills Bordello (7324535) **1.30 FILM: Ferocious Female Freedom Fighters (1989)** (5312784) **3.30** Twisted (6472500) **4.00** Beverly Hills Bordello (6566993) **4.30** Red Shoe Diaries (7232500) **5.00** The A-Team (5394332)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm *Cosby (2399)* **7.30** *Roseanne* (8757) **8.00** Grace Under Fire (1047) **8.30** Caroline in the City (6234) **9.00** Cybill *(82776)* ***9.30** Ellen (41060)* **10.00** Gayle's World (29370) **10.30** Cheers (45318) **11.00** Monty Python's Flying Circus (87221) **11.30** Food Fight (91573) **12.00** Nurses (35245) **12.30am** It's Garry Shandling's Show (24697) **1.00** Frasier (48413) **1.30** Cheers (59061) **2.00** Caroline in the City (32413) **2.30** Food Fight (24448) **3.00** Roseanne (31177) ***3.30** Cybill (35500)* ***4.00** Close*

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Quantum Leap (3282028) **9.00** PSI Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal (3295582) **10.00 FILM: The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951)** (5492844) **11.50** An SF *Scene Special: The Making of Deep Impact* (8890863) **12.00** Sightings (1239719) **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (2424500) **2.00** Friday the 13th (9285697) **3.00** Tales of the Unexpected (7494429) ***3.30** Dark Shadows (7937245)* ***4.00** Close*

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am Simply Painting **9.30** Gardeners' Diary **10.00** Grassroots **10.30** New Yankee Workshop **11.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing World **11.30** Hometime **12.00** The Close Guide ***12.30pm** This Old House* ***1.00** Cookabout* **1.30** Furniture on the Mend **2.00** Doing It Up **2.30** Antiques Challenge **3.00** Two's Country **3.30** Home Again **4.00** Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing World (7868389) **4.30** Zoo Story *(7857283)* **5.00** First Flights (6795399) **5.30** Time Travellers *(7971863)* ***6.00** Animal Doctor (7878776)* **6.30** Eye on the Reef (8585221) **7.30** Futureworld (7858912) **8.00** Crocodile Hunter (9623738) **9.00** Science of the Impossible (3636202) **10.00** Extreme Machines *(9646689)* **11.00** Mysterious Universe (8298405) **11.30** Mysterious Universe (4381486) **12.00** First Flights (9500871) **12.30am** Futureworld (5538581) **1.00** Forensic Detectives (7349581) **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Fighting for Animals (6094641) **7.30** Seven Black Robins (5257329) **8.00** The Shark Files (8749115) **9.00** Worlds Apart (5946405) **9.30** Extreme Earth (1794554) **10.00** Wildlife Warriors (8739738) **11.00** Lords of Hokkaido *(8313383)* ***12.00** Survival of the Yellowstone* Wolves (3549687) **1.00am** Close

TRAVEL (CABLE)

12.00 Travel Live Stop The Week **1.00pm** *Pathfinders* ***1.30** Gatherings And Celebrations* **2.00** On Tour **2.30** Out To Lunch With Brian Turner **3.00** Of Tales And Travels **4.00** The Great Escape **4.30** Cities Of The World **5.00** Pathfinders **5.30** Travel Trails **6.00** Gatherings And Celebrations **6.30** On Tour **7.00** Travel Live Stop The Week **8.00** Go Portugal **8.30** The Flavours Of France **9.00** *Going Places* ***10.00** Out To Lunch With* Brian Turner **10.30** Floyd On Oz **11.00** *Travel Live Stop The Week* ***12.00** Close*

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm American Caesar (8350554) **5.00** Modern Marvels (9966283) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (8804776) **7.00** Biography: Noah and the Ark (3276950) **8.00** Close

CARLTON FOOD (CABLE)

9.00am Food Network Daily **9.30** Food for Thought **10.00** A *Taste of England* **10.30** What's Cooking? **11.00** Worrall Thompson Cooks **11.30** Graham Kerr's Kitchen **12.00** Food Network Daily **12.30pm** Slice of Life **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** French Lunch **2.00** *Surprise Chefs* **2.30** Food Network Daily **3.00** Caribbean Light **3.30** Worrall Thompson Cooks **4.00** Ideal Home Cooks **4.30** Planet Nosh **5.00** Close

LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (1407863) **9.00** Rolonda *(4418863)* **9.50** Ready Steady Cook (8366825) **10.30** Young and the Restless (5495919) **11.20** Mysteries, Magic & Miracles (55049405) **11.50** Jimmy's (89317660) **12.20pm** Living Issues (23699070) **12.50** *Rescue 911* (3332554) **1.25** Hart to Hart (1668467) **2.20** Living It Up! (1260080) **3.20** Rolonda (8422863) **4.10** Tempest (9227202) **5.00** Heat Is On (6704115) **5.30** Ready Steady Cook (3717738) **6.10** Jerry *Springer* (1940912) **7.00** Rescue 911 (6724979) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic & Miracles (3537196) **8.00** Adrenalin Junkies (5444738) **9.00** Nothing Lasts Forever (19526080) **11.05** Jerry Springer (6632478)



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FRIDAY MAY 15 1998

Early batsmen ensure that captain profits from gamble

South Africans impose order

RUI VIEIRA



Kallis pulls to the boundary during his innings of 75 at New Road yesterday to help the South Africans to an imposing total before they declared

WORCESTER (first day of three: South Africans won the toss): Worcestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 256 runs behind the South Africans

HANSIE CRONJE was quick to acknowledge that his South African side had gambled on fair weather during their unusually short warm-up for the international cricket this summer but when the inevitable happened, and a morning of clammy mist greeted them at Worcester yesterday, he turned it to advantage.

Scorning the temptation to exploit such typically English conditions in a conventional way, Cronje batted first. In the dressing-room, according to Bob Woolmer, the coach, he told his players that if they had to learn anything about playing in this country, it was best done straight away. The response was impressive.

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The South Africans are not the most attractive batting team, but then this was not a day for the stylists. Pragmatism and patience were the keywords and there was plenty of both in evidence from Gerry Liebenberg and Jacques Kallis on the opening day of this Vodafone Challenge match.

Thrown together by the potentially damaging loss of Gary Kirsten in the third over of the game, Liebenberg and Kallis put on 162 for the second wicket in a shade less than four hours. It was attritional, imperturbable batting and it epitomised the strength of character that sustains this South African side.

Late in the day, when the sun had broken through, Daryll Cullinan and Cronje were able to play in a different, more fluent fashion, but it was a case of the strokeplayers freed by the labours of the top order. Cronje was even able to declare, 40 minutes from the close.

New Road was resplendent by early evening, the ice-cream stalls and the ladies' tea pavilion both completing a hectic trade, but it had not looked at its best before play. A thundery night had given way to a murky, damp morning. David Lloyd, the England coach, and Graham Gooch, a selector, looked on with interest when play began but learnt nothing to their advantage.

Worcestershire do not possess a forbidding attack and it was further restricted when injuries excluded Tom Moody and Richard Illingworth. Those who remained, anonymous though they seemed, performed creditably, and, on a similar morning, might bowl no better and take a hatful of wickets.

The early removal of Kirsten gave them false hope. South Africa's most consistent batsman had not adjusted his footwork to the needs of an English spring morning and was caught on his crease as an inswinger from Phil Newport flew to short leg off inside edge and pad.

That, though, was the extent of the county's success until shortly before tea. They were defied rather than dominated; the ball beat the bat regularly and the outside edge was fully employed, especially by Liebenberg, who showed an admirable ability to remain utterly undisturbed.

The captain of Free State province, Liebenberg, 26, is only now fulfilling the rich promise of his youth. He toured here four years ago as reserve wicketkeeper, a role that he notionally fills on this trip, too, but now he has different priorities.

After earning a Test debut against Sri Lanka in March, he is pencilled in as Kirsten's opening partner, a role that the South Africans have had difficulty filling. His cause was aided here, and, with only one more first-class fixture before the first Test, the South Africans are surely committed.

Kallis learnt much from his season with Middlesex — where have we heard this theme before? — and put it to good effect here. He was out to a loose drive, with a century beckoning, but Liebenberg had more reason to berate himself after a top-edged sweep saw him dismissed for 98.

Cullinan cruised past fifty and Cronje looked set to follow until a careless run-out hastened his challenging declaration.

There followed a brisk burst from Donald, a wicket for Klusener, an over of introduction from Adams and some imperious strokes from Hick. This morning promises much.

☐ A year to the day before the World Cup begins at Lord's with a match between England and Sri Lanka, organisers of the tournament next year launched their sales campaign at New Road yesterday. A giant video screen was part of the show and so, somewhat incongruously, were some cricket demonstrations from Lawrence Dallaglio, the England rugby captain, and the cast of *Coronation Street*. Half a million tickets are now on sale for the 42 games.

SCOREBOARD FROM WORCESTER

SOUTH AFRICANS: First Innings
G Kirsten c Rawnsley b Newport 1
G F J Liebenberg c Rawnsley b Hick ... 98
J H Kallis b Sheriyar 75
D J Cullinan not out 67
*W J Cronje run out 23
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 10) 17
Total (4 wkts dec, 92.1 overs) 287
J N Rhodes, †M V Boucher, L Klusener, P R Adams, A A Donald and M R Haywood did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-164, 3-228, 4-287.
BOWLING: Newport 15.1-6-43-1; Sheriyar 20-6-47-1; Lampitt 15-6-28-0; Haynes 12-2-24-0; Leatherdale 4-2-12-0; Rawnsley 15-0-85-0; Hick 11-1-43-1

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
W P C Weston not out 8
V S Solanki c Boucher b Klusener 0
*G A Hick not out 23
Total (1 wkt, 9 overs) 31
G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, M J Rawnsley, P J Newport, A Sheriyar and S W K Ellis to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-4.
BOWLING: Donald 5-2-14-0; Klusener 3-1-13-1; Adams 1-0-4-0.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and P Willey.

England given reprieve by cautious coach

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE intemperate comments of Australian Rugby Union (ARU) administrators over the strength of the England touring party received a check yesterday from their own national coach, Rod Macqueen. Like John Hart, his opposite number in New Zealand, Macqueen is properly cautious about reaching a judgment over England's admittedly raw squad.

"The more we denigrate them, the harder they're going to be," Macqueen said. He will have in mind the fact that his Australia team, with a tour of Argentina behind them, arrived at Twickenham last November to be held to a 15-15 draw by an England XV, five of whom were making their debuts.

Not only that, the international with England in Brisbane on June 6 will be Australia's first of the season and the form of such recognised internationals as Jason Little and Garrick Morgan is insufficient to keep them in the Queensland Reds side to play ACT Brumbies in the final round of Super 12 matches this weekend.

"I'm not going to get involved in the politics of whether they're sending their best side or not," Macqueen said. "But I'm always scared of a lot of hungry young kids coming out who have great motivation to win a game. I'm always wary of the underdog mentality. Any denigration only stokes the fire. From my point of view, I hope we don't say too much more about it all."

Whether that will be sufficient to dampen the fires raised by John O'Neill, the ARU chief executive, and Dick McGruther, the chairman, remains to be seen. Macqueen, like Clive Woodward, the England coach, only came into the job last autumn and is still trying to put his imprint on the team. "We are in a no-win situation," he added. "Who is to know that they're not a better side than the one that could have been selected?"

Queensland officials are looking at a crowd of 30,000 for the game at Suncorp Stadium and already 20,000 tickets have been sold. "To my knowledge we've had no calls from people wanting their money back," Brian Thorburn, the ARU sales and marketing manager, said of a week in Brisbane in which rugby union contends with a State of Origin rugby league match and Bank Holiday horse racing.

Should Queensland reach the final of the Super 12, Macqueen will be even more worried. There is a prospect of the final being played in South Africa, which would mean returning home — with all that involves in jet lag — the weekend before the international with England, with some of his leading players subject to injury checks.

Queensland need to beat the Brumbies to secure the fourth place in the semi-finals, alongside Auckland Blues, Coastal Sharks, from Natal, and Canterbury Crusaders. If Auckland finish in first place by beating Wellington tomorrow, they would stage the final, but Otago Highlanders, Waikato Chiefs and New South Wales Waratahs all remain in contention for a semi-final place.

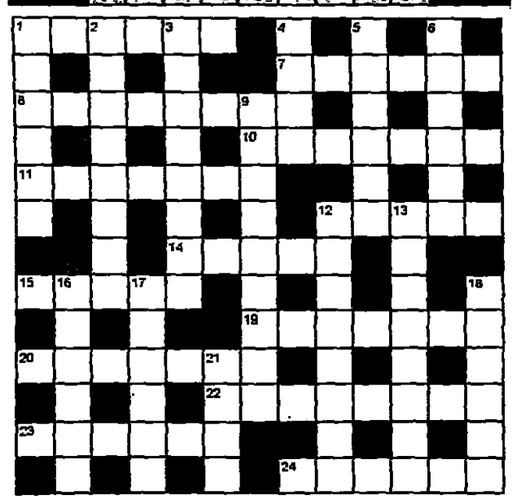
At home, Bristol, bottom of the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division, will restore their international half backs, Robert Jones and Paul Burke, for the first leg of the play-offs with London Scottish at Richmond Athletic Ground on Sunday. It will be Burke's first start for seven weeks, after keyhole surgery to his knee, and he will be joined by another Ireland international in David Corkery.

The other club involved in the play-off for promotion from the second division, Rotherham, will play London Irish at home on May 20 and away on May 24. The two met in the Tetley's Bitter Cup this season, when London Irish won 27-14.

Gregor Townsend, the Northampton back capped 32 times by Scotland, is reported to have signed for Brive. Though Townsend, 25, has yet to confirm the move, officials from the French club have said that the player, who was at fly half for the British Isles in their two winning internationals against South Africa last summer, will be on their books next season. Townsend has never concealed his desire to play overseas.

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Chelsea plan to remain among Europe's jet set

BY OLIVER HOLT
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ABOUT 90 minutes out of Stockholm, just before the Chelsea plane that was loaded with players, their wives, executives and supporters began its descent into Heathrow, the intercom crackled into life and one of the passengers began to speak. It was a familiar voice, chirpy and mischievous. "This is your captain speaking," it said. It was Dennis Wise.

He said that the Chelsea players were going to sing a mid-flight song, a celebration of the Cup Winners' Cup final victory that they had just achieved over VfB Stuttgart. He shouted at the rest of his team-mates to join him in the aisle. A few got to their feet. The rest ignored him. "We're just going to have a five-minute delay before we start," Wise said.

The song never came. There were a few half-hearted calls for it from the rowdy lot back in the tail when the plane landed, but everyone filed off into the bus and then drifted away through the arrivals hall and out past the end of the season to their countries' World Cup plans or their summer holidays.

Songs do not matter a jot, of course, but now would be the worst time for Chelsea to start neglecting their promise. Slowly, surely and not without their share of controversy and ruthlessness, they have dragged themselves up to the point where they are ready to challenge the hegemony of the English and European elite.

Some might say that the Cup Winners' Cup is a rickety springboard but victory in it, coupled with the Coca-Cola Cup triumph at the end of March, has given Chelsea the momentum and the Europe-wide cachet they need to sustain the progress that will enable them to compete for greater honours next season.

If they sit back and wallow in complacency, fail to live up to their bold talk, then all will be lost. They do not yet have the strength in depth, or even the quality in their first-choice side, to frighten Manchester United or Arsenal, let alone Juventus or Real Madrid. But if they bring in a new clutch of leading players, they will bring themselves much closer



Vialli: ambition

to the prize that they covet most, the FA Carling Premiership title.

So far, the signs are good. Gianluca Vialli, the player-manager, and Colin Hutchinson, the man who holds the purse-strings, have moved to sign Brian Laudrup from Rangers and Pierluigi Casiraghi from Lazio. Both players will be valuable alternatives, possibly replacements, for the ageing Mark Hughes and Vialli himself.

The midfield, where Wise, in particular, has been outstanding all season, is their strongest department, but Vialli knows he will have to bolster a defence that looked worryingly vulnerable again against Stuttgart if Chelsea's assault is not to founder. An accomplished right back is a priority, because Frank Sinclair still has too many deficiencies, and for all the elegance and creativity of Frank Leboeuf, his partnership with Michael Duberry leaves a lot to be desired.

There is still much to do, but Vialli has the drive to achieve it. "It is only a game but it is life and death to me," he said as he left the Rasunda Stadium late on Wednesday night. "This is a great club with a great history but we must never be satisfied. If you get like that, you never win anything again.

"The day I find myself becoming satisfied is when I hang up my boots and my coaching whistle. I cannot help getting tense, nervous and angry. I have learnt a great deal in a short time as a manager. I have made mistakes and when that happens all you can do is try to learn from them and try not to make them next time.

"I am planning for next season already. That is my mentality. I cannot stop thinking about the future. I am going to try to chill out and play a bit of golf for a week, but I know I have got other things to think about. I don't want to talk about players who I will be bringing in after such a great night, but it is something that will have to be done. We have proved that we are a great team in Europe and in the cups, but the Premiership title is what we want now."

Injury rules out Fowler until 1999

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ROBBIE FOWLER will not play football again this year. The Liverpool striker, already ruled out of England's World Cup plans after suffering knee cartilage damage, was told yesterday that he would not resume his career until 1999.

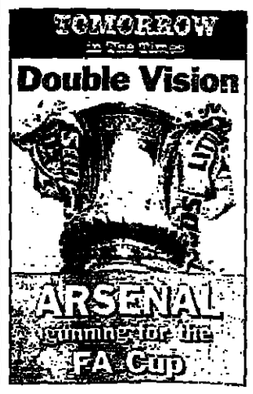
"There were some reports that he had visions of playing pre-season, but he certainly won't be playing before Christmas," Mark Leather, the Liverpool physiotherapist, said. "That is the estimation at the moment."

Fowler sustained the injury to his left knee when he collided with Thomas Myhre, the Everton goalkeeper, during the Merseyside derby at Anfield on February 23.

There was better news for Dennis Bergkamp, however. The Arsenal striker appears to be winning his battle to be fit for the FA Cup Final against Newcastle United tomorrow.

☐ Ray Graydon has been appointed manager of Walsall in succession to Jan Sorensen.

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